



## **Telehealth Policy Workgroup**

*December 15, 2020 Meeting Summary*

- The Maryland Health Care Commission (MHCC) called the meeting to order at 3:00pm.
- The workgroup started formulating draft potential recommendations for two telehealth policies, guided by previously identified primary themes. Discussion was informed by current telehealth provisions during the COVID-19 public health emergency (PHE).
- Deliberations related to removing originating site restrictions noted considerations for policy consistency and health care access and equity.
- The workgroup discussed audio only services including health care access and coverage issues, such as instances when other care modalities are not feasible. Potential need to study data gathered during the PHE to inform policy on the role of audio only services was mentioned.
- Next steps were overviewed by MHCC, including the next meeting date and time: January 7<sup>th</sup>, 3:00pm-5:00pm.
- The meeting adjourned at 5:00pm.

**Telehealth Policy Workgroup  
12/15/2020 Meeting Attendees**

Count	First Name	Last Name	Organization
1	Bimbola	Akintade, PhD	University of Maryland School of Nursing
2	Salliann	Alborn	Maryland Community Health System
3	Paul	Berman	Berman & Killeen, PA, Maryland Psychological Association
4	Arun	Bhandari, MD	Chesapeake Oncology Hematology Associates
5	Richard	Bloch	Maryland Podiatric Medical Association
6	Dave	Brennan	MedStar Health
7	Jennifer	Briemann	Maryland Managed Care Organization Association
8	Alyssa	Brown	Maryland Department of Health, Office of Health Service
9	Matthew	Celentano	League of Life & Health Insurers of Maryland
10	Ann	Ciekot	Public Policy Partners
11	Annie	Coble	Johns Hopkins University
12	David	Cooney	Maryland Insurance Administration
13	Jen	Crockett, MD	Kennedy Krieger Institute
14	Sherry	Dai	CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield
15	Lori	Doyle	Community Behavioral Health Association of Maryland
16	Robyn	Elliott	Maryland Community Health System
17	Peggy	Funk	Hospice & Palliative Care Network
18	Laura	Goodman	Maryland Department of Health
19	Cathy	Grason, JD	CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield
20	Jim	Gutman	American Association of Retired Persons
21	Diana	Hsu	Maryland Hospital Association
22	Helen	Hughes, MD	Johns Hopkins University
23	Jim	Hummer	Lorien Health Services
24	Madeline	Jackson-Fowler	Health Services Cost Review Commission
25	Elizabeth	Kasameyer	Maryland Department of Health, Medicaid Planning
26	Niharika	Khanna, MD	University of Maryland Medical System
27	Beverly	Lang	Nurse Practitioner Association of Maryland Inc.
28	Sonia	Lawson, PhD	Maryland Occupational Therapy Association
29	Daniel	Mansour, PharmD	Peter Lamy Center on Drug Therapy and Aging
30	Michael	Paddy	Maryland Insurance Administration
31	Deb	Rivkin	CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield
32	Kimberly	Robinson	Cigna
33	Tricia	Roddy	Maryland Department of Health
34	Magaly	Rodriguez de Bittner, PharmD	University of Maryland School of Pharmacy
35	Dan	Shattuck	Barbara Marx Brocato & Associates
36	Lisa	Simpson	Maryland Department of Legislative Services
37	Deborah	Steinberg	Maryland Parity at 10 Coalition
38	Oleg	Tarkovsky	CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield
39	Allison	Taylor	Kaiser Permanente
40	Jim	Trumble, MD	Peninsula Regional Medical Center
41	Jennifer	Witten	Maryland Hospital Association
42	Ben	Wolff	Maryland Department of Health, Office of Health Services