

School-Based Telehealth Workgroup

January 10, 2019

Meeting Summary

Key discussion items include:

- The workgroup reviewed version 4.2 of the information gathering tables to continue discussion of key themes for tables 6 through 8. Members were asked to provide feedback on the draft themes and identify any new items to be added. The key themes will form the foundation for drafting recommendations.
- The workgroup discussed key themes around 1) existing telehealth compliance requirements, 2) establishing adequate funding sources for telehealth, and 3) existing Medicaid and private payer telehealth reimbursement models.
- Key themes included the potential for efficiencies in school-based telehealth processes and exploration of creative reimbursement mechanisms for telehealth services in schools. It was noted that expansion of Medicaid reimbursement for school health services provided via telehealth may require broader policy changes, as in-person services are not currently reimbursed.
- The workgroup started developing potential recommendations regarding 1) implementation of telehealth within schools and 2) building awareness about the value of telehealth services. The workgroup discussed potential recommendations for tables 1 and 2.
- Deliberations centered on expanding the use and definition of telehealth in schools, exploring effective telehealth models for schools, and the need for communication strategies that raise awareness on the value of telehealth using language that is appropriate and culturally sensitive for parents and students.
- *The workgroup is scheduled to meet on Wednesday, January 30, 2019 from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm EST at MHCC. The workgroup will continue to develop potential recommendations for the remaining tables. Please note the inclement weather policy posted on the workgroup [webpage](#).*