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To: OMHSAS_GENERAL_LISTSERV@LISTSERV.DPW.STATE.PA.US
Subject: [OMHSAS_GENERAL_LISTSERV] ACT 98 of 2022
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Good Morning OMHSAS Stakeholders,

On October 28, 2022, [House Bill 1630](#) was signed into law by Governor Tom Wolf as P. L. Act 98 of 2022 and is effective immediately. This law repealed three sections of the Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (OMHSAS) regulations at 55 Pa. Code § 1153.14(1); § 1223.14(2); and § 5230.55(c) that were previously suspended by the Public Health Emergency. Behavioral Health (BH) providers now may deliver and bill for BH services through audio-only telehealth for both Outpatient Psychiatric Services and Outpatient Drug and Alcohol Services that is consistent with OMHSAS bulletin [OMHSAS-22-02](#), titled “Revised Guidelines for the Delivery of Behavioral Health Services Through Telehealth” that was issued on July 1, 2022. Additionally, BH providers delivering Psychiatric Rehabilitation Services now have the ability to provide supervision through a video or audio platform.

To restate, the purpose of this email is to inform you that the following sections have officially been repealed.

Outpatient Psych Services

1153.104(1) –

§ 1153.14. Noncovered services.

Payment will not be made for the following types of services regardless of where or to whom they are provided:

(1) A covered psychiatric outpatient clinic, MMHT or partial hospitalization outpatient service conducted over the telephone.

Outpatient D&A

1223.14(2) -

§ 1223.14. Noncovered services.

Payment will not be made for the following types of services regardless of where or to whom they are provided:

(2) Clinic visits, psychotherapy, diagnostic psychological evaluations, psychiatric evaluations and comprehensive medical evaluations conducted over the telephone, that is, any clinic service conducted over the telephone.

Psych Rehabilitation Services (PRS)

5230.55(c) -

§ 5230.55. Supervision.

(c) A PRS director or psychiatric rehabilitation specialist designated as a supervisor shall meet with staff individually, face-to-face, no less than two times per calendar month.

Please reach out to the telehealth resource account at RA-pwtbhs@pa.gov if you have any questions related to telehealth.