

Use of telemedicine to provide mental health diagnosis to persons under 21 years of age during COVID-19 outbreak

In accordance with the public health emergency declared by the Governor on March 12, 2020, due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak in Arkansas, and in order to maintain consistency with Arkansas Medicaid policy, Summit Community Care is suspending the rule limiting Mental Health Diagnosis conducted via telemedicine to only the adult population over age 21. By suspending this rule, licensed behavioral health professionals will be able to use telemedicine as an allowable mode of service delivery to beneficiaries under the age of 21.

The rule to be suspended is in Section 252.117 of the *Outpatient Behavioral Health Services Provider Manual*.

The allowable code for this rule suspension:

- Mental Health Diagnosis
 - 90791, U4, GT
 - (POS) 02 Allowable mode of delivery — adults, youth and children

This suspension will remain until the end date of the Governor's *Executive Order*. If you have questions about this communication contact your local Provider Relations representative.

For additional information regarding updates on COVID-19, please access the following: <https://provider.summitcommunitycare.com/arkansas-provider/covid-19-updates>.