



April 7, 2020

RE: Coronavirus –Use of Telemedicine to Provide Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) Therapy by a BCBA and BCBA-D during COVID-19 Outbreak

Autism EPSDT Providers,

We appreciate your patience over the past several days as we looked for ways to increase members' access to telemedicine and to help you continue to provide quality services to our members during this unprecedented time.

To mitigate the spread of COVID-19, Empower is committed to enabling members to remain in their homes to reduce exposure and transmission, and to preserve our network's capacity for the duration of this public health emergency consistent with Arkansas Division of Medical Services (DMS) mandates.

Effective **March 31, 2020**, Empower will be following the DMS Telemedicine Requirements for BCBA or BCBA-D during the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency.

To see the DMS memorandum click here:

[https://humanservices.arkansas.gov/images/uploads/resources/Memorandum\\_DMS-20\\_Autism\\_EPSDT\\_%28002%29.pdf](https://humanservices.arkansas.gov/images/uploads/resources/Memorandum_DMS-20_Autism_EPSDT_%28002%29.pdf)

To bill Empower for these services:

- All Units are Prior Authorized
- Please use Place of Service "02"
- Please use Modifier GT
- Telehealth rates will be reimbursed per the Medicaid fee schedule

Our focus remains on supporting our providers, customers and members during the declared state of emergency. Because of the fluid nature of the situation, we will continue to adjust our policies and procedures and provide updates to you as changes occur.

If you have questions about this please contact [empowerhealthcaresolutionspr@empowerhcs.com](mailto:empowerhealthcaresolutionspr@empowerhcs.com)

Thank you,

Empower Healthcare Solutions