

To Whom it May Concern:

My '**child**' is authorized within their Person-Centered Plan to receive '**speech-language occupational physical therapy**' services through my Community Mental Health Plan. During the COVID-19 pandemic, and Governor Whitmer's Executive Order to Stay Home and Stay Safe, we are unable to receive face to face services through our Provider. However, based on the current COVID-19 Encounter Chart these services are not even available to my child through our CMH via a teletherapy option.

Our Provider, Children's Therapy Corner has provided teletherapy services for clients since March 24, during this pandemic and in compliance with Governor Whitmer's Order to 'Stay Home and Stay Safe'. However, based on the restrictions imposed by the MDHHS and the Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Administration, Children's Therapy Corner is unable to provide intervention for their CMH clients, and therefore my child. The therapy codes for these disciplines are neither covered for face to face or for teletherapy. In essence, my child and my family are not provided service, even though Children's Therapy Corner has the capacity to serve us.

What can be done to provide the necessary teletherapy codes for therapy sessions for speech-language, occupational and physical therapy on the COVID-19 Encounter Chart? I am requesting clarification and rationale for elimination of these reimbursement codes for these therapeutic interventions. My child needs the mandated intervention just as other children with coverage through their private medical plans.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter and I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,