Florida Medicaid: Well-Child Visits Provided via Telemedicine During the COVID-19 State of Emergency – Effective May 29, 2020

To assist with the response efforts to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) State of Emergency, the Agency for Health Care Administration (Agency) has provided additional flexibilities for providers using telemedicine to ensure continuity of care for Medicaid recipients. Effective May 29, 2020, the Agency has extended the following flexibilities related to conducting a well-child visit via telemedicine.

Well-Child Visits for Children Older Than 24 Months Through 20 Years

To help promote health and wellness through preventive care during the COVID-19 State of Emergency, the Agency has expanded telemedicine (live, two-way communication that includes audio and video) to include **well-child visits for children older than 24 months through 20 years** for the following procedure codes:

- 99382-99385
- 99392-99395

Providers must append the above procedure codes with the **GT modifier** for live, two-way communication. In line with previous <u>Agency guidance</u>, Humana will reimburse for **well-child visits for children older than 24 months through 20 years** provided via telemedicine at the same rate as if services were delivered via a face-to-face encounter (i.e., payment parity).

Though providers may be able to conduct the majority of well-child visit components via telemedicine, follow-up visits to administer immunizations and other physical components (in accordance with the recommended periodicity <u>schedule</u> developed by the American Academy of Pediatrics) that cannot be completed via a telemedicine visit **must be scheduled as soon as possible**.

Well-Child Visits for Children 24 Months and Younger

In accordance with American Academy of Pediatrics <u>guidance</u>, providers should prioritize in-person newborn care, newborn well-visits, and immunization of infants and children though 24 months of age. Humana <u>will not reimburse for well-child visits</u> <u>performed via telemedicine for children 24 months and younger</u>.

We will provide additional information related to the use of telemedicine to perform well-child visits as we have it. For updates related to the COVID-19 State of Emergency, please visit the Agency's website: https://ahca.myflorida.com/COVID-19 Medicaid.shtml.