

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN RESOURCES Bureau for Medical Services

Bill J. Crouch Cabinet Secretary Cynthia E. Beane Commissioner

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WV Medicaid Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Speech Therapy Providers

RE: COVID Increment OT/PT/ST Services

Due to the World Health Organization declaring Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) a pandemic, the West Virginia Bureau for Medical Services (BMS) seeks to implement an increment reimbursement during the period of the Presidential and Secretarial emergency declarations.

The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources, Bureau for Medical Services (BMS) is pleased to announce a COVID increment for Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Speech Therapy services of five percent (5%) retroactive effective of **July 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020**. Claims submitted with a date of service during this time period will be paid or reprocessed to pay with this increment. No action is required on the providers' part.

BMS appreciates your continued dedication and efforts in assisting West Virginia's most vulnerable populations during this national crisis. BMS will continue to monitor the situation and work closely with our state and federal partners gathering further information and directives and will provide further notification if an extension is received.