Telehealth service coverage expands in 2020 for Medicare Advantage plans

Effective Jan. 1, 2020, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is eliminating standard fee-for-service restrictions on telehealth access for Medicare Advantage plans (not including our Secure Saver MSA plan). In an effort to increase virtual care choices and benefits, Security Health Plan Medicare Advantage members will have additional telehealth and virtual care benefits beyond Original Medicare. This includes greater access to telehealth services in both rural and urban areas, even in their own home.

The additional telehealth benefits are Medicare Part B services and only available through contracted providers, consistent with CMS guidance. Services will be subject to the same standard copayment, coinsurance and deductible as services that are received in a medical facility.

Part B telehealth benefits:

○ Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) ○ Emergency Care/Post-Stabilization Care ○ Urgently Needed Services ○ Partial Hospitalization ○ Home Health Services ○ Primary Care Physician Services ○ Occupational Therapy Services ○ Physician Specialist Services ○ Individual Sessions for Mental Health Specialty Services ○ Group Sessions for Mental Health Specialty Services ○ Podiatry Services ○ Other Health Care Professional ○ Individual Sessions for Psychiatric Services ○ Group Sessions for Psychiatric ○ Physical Therapy and Speech-Language Pathology Services ○ Opioid Treatment Services	○ Diagnostic Procedures/Tests ○ Outpatient Hospital Services ○ Observation Services ○ Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC) Services ○ Individual Sessions for Outpatient Substance Abuse ○ Group Sessions for Outpatient Substance Abuse ○ Ground Ambulance Services ○ Air Ambulance Services ○ Kidney Disease Education Services ○ Glaucoma Screening ○ Diabetes Self-Management Training ○ EKG following Welcome Visit ○ Other Medicare-covered Preventive Services ○ Eye Exams ○ Hearing Exams