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# INFORMATION ALERT

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## COVID-19 Resources & Information

Dear CPA Members:

We have posted resources on our website related to the evolving situation created by the COVID-19 virus. We are sending them here as well just to be sure you have them available. Please check the website for updates—we will post them as we receive them.

- [COVID-19 and Psychology Services: How to Protect Your Patients and Your Practice](#)
- [Tips and Tools from The American Psychological Association](#)
- [California Department of Public Health \(Daily Updates\)](#)
- [World Health Organization](#)
- [Center for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#)
- [CPA Resources on Telepsychology \(log in required\)](#)
- [Talking to Children About COVID-19: A Parent Resource \(from National Association of School Psychologists\)](#)

CPA is working directly with APA to ensure that the latest information can be distributed to you expeditiously. APA Services is completing a list of recommended telehealth platforms, and the next Practice Update will focus specifically on readying your practice for telehealth usage. We will send that information as soon as we get it.

If you have questions about an **insurer's telehealth coverage policies**, please contact their provider relations departments. For general guidance on providing telehealth services please see [CPA Resources on Telepsychology \(log in required\)](#).

Last week an \$8 billion emergency funding bill passed and was signed by the President that allows the HHS Secretary to waive some of the current **Medicare telehealth restrictions** during the coronavirus public health emergency so that care can be provided regardless of where a patient is located. We are aware that APA is working on a statement regarding implementation of this new law and we will notify you when we have the statement. We do know that the waiver would apply to existing patients only (not new patients) and to audio-video services only (not phone calls).

CPA is continuing to monitor the situation and will share any updates particularly relevant to psychologists as they become available. CPA members who have questions can contact me directly at [ewinkelman@cpapsych.org](mailto:ewinkelman@cpapsych.org).

Take Care,

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