

## **Telehealth Visits Covered by CMS/Medicare **Ending March 31, 2025**** **Medicare Part B, Medicaid and Medicare Advantage Plans**

We had hoped for better news, but the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) is currently required to **expire the expanded coverage of most Telehealth Visits on March 31, 2025.**

During the COVID 19 Healthcare Emergency, Congress directed the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to allow telehealth visits to be expanded to numerous types of providers and allow patients to receive the services from home, office or basically anywhere in Georgia if their guidelines were followed.

**Piedmont Cancer Institute** qualified for this service and began offering it to our patients. However, now that the COVID 19 Healthcare Emergency has officially ended, law requires CMS to end the expanded coverage of this service and go back to their original guidelines. This includes **all Medicare Part B, and most Medicaid and Medicare Advantage plans.**

With the end of the special expansion, **Piedmont Cancer Institute no longer qualifies to offer this service under original CMS guidelines.** We are aware that some commercial insurance carriers and some Medicare Advantage plans will continue to offer telehealth services as a benefit, we ask that you please check with your plan to ensure you are covered before scheduling a telehealth visit.

Those who are already scheduled for telehealth visits after March 31, who do not have this benefit under their insurance plan, will need to change their appointment to an in-office visit. Our schedulers are available to assist you with this change.

### **Today's News**

Congress currently may add a "stopgap" measure in their current budget plan to expand this service until September 30, 2025, where it would again be reviewed with another possible extension or become a regular covered service. If it does not get added or does not pass, the expiration of the expanded service will end **March 31, 2025.**

What can you do? Contact the Congressional Leader for your area and kindly ask them to include Telehealth services in their funding bill.

We understand that this may be inconvenient and frustrating for you, however, we are obligated to follow CMS/Medicare, Medicare Advantage and commercial insurance policies and procedures.

Thank you!

Piedmont Cancer Institute PC

