

Updates about Telehealth and the Public Health Emergency (PHE) 04/05/2023

On Barbara Griswold's (LMFT) website, *Navigating the Insurance Maze*, is a link to her latest article about the changes that she sees coming with the end of the Public Health Emergency (PHE) on May 11th. Among them are the possible return to enforcing HIPAA regulations concerning telehealth platforms. This means that FaceTime, Skype and others will no longer be permissible to be used for sessions. She has a list of several telehealth platforms that are HIPAA compatible. She also speaks to the possible requirement by some insurance carriers of certification in telehealth, states may or may not have laws requiring reimbursement or reimbursement at parity with face-to-face rates, possible requirement of telehealth consent forms (for patients to sign) and other useful information. We strongly urge to you check her posting at

<https://theinsurancemaze.com/phe/>

and also subscribing to her newsletter for useful information.

NOTE: She sells products and webinars on her website and through her newsletters. This is not an endorsement of those products by the NYSSCSW. Personally, I have purchased and used her forms packet.

NOTE: There is also an update from the federal Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), which can be found here: <https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2023/02/09/fact-sheet-covid-19-public-healthemergency-transition-roadmap.html>

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