

Question:

I am wondering how to go about asking other states what they are doing to support Medicaid coverage for telehealth services for initial SLP assessments/evaluations? I know coverage has been expanded for some telehealth services for established patients and I greatly appreciate ASHAs help with this. Our state infant toddler program has reached out to our state association asking for help advocating for more coverage that supports these initial evaluations with new patients. Or at least looking into this to see if it is appropriate for Medicaid coverage.

What can I do to ask other states what they are doing regarding this?

Answers:

I know the STAMPS have been following this pretty closely but I have not caught up just yet. I will attach some links that have been posted that hopefully will assist you! But maybe your STAMP is more up to date than me!

<https://www.asha.org/uploadedFiles/COVID-19-Commercial-Insurance-Telepractice-Policy-Tracking.pdf>

<https://www.asha.org/uploadedFiles/COVID-19-State-Medicaid-Telepractice-Policy-Tracking.pdf>

<https://www.asha.org/Publications/ASHA-Headlines/>

<https://www.asha.org/About/Telepractice-Resources-During-COVID-19/>