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## IHCP clarifies rescinded COVID-19 policies

During the public health emergency due to coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak, the Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP) made several temporary policy changes to respond to the needs of members and providers. In *IHCP Bulletin* [BT202152](#), the IHCP rescinded some of those temporary policy changes.



The IHCP is providing clarification on some of those changes and outlining other temporary changes that have become permanent:

- **Home Health** – [BT202040](#): *IHCP COVID-19 Response: IHCP revises home health prior authorization and telemedicine policies*

Effective April 29, 2021, in accordance with *House Enrolled Act (HEA) 1468* and *Code of Federal Regulations 42 CFR 440.70, Indiana Code IC 16-27-1-5* allows nurse practitioners, clinical nurse specialists and physician assistants to order home health services and medical equipment and supplies.

- **Telehealth Verbal Consent** – [BT202034](#): *IHCP COVID-19 Response: IHCP responds to telemedicine FAQs as of April 1, 2020*

As published in *IHCP Bulletin* [BT202034](#) question number 17, the following guidance still applies and will remain as such: "Patient consent for receiving a service through telehealth and the location of the patient should both be documented. Patient consent may be received verbally or by electronic signature, and should be documented as such. Uploading the visit documents with the claim is not required."

- **Transportation** – [BT202035](#): *IHCP COVID-19 Response: IHCP revises policy for in-state ground transportation*

This bulletin will remain in effect after the public health emergency. These changes will not be rescinded.

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