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Good morning,

On Saturday March 27, 2020, NYSED issued updated Guidance (see attached) regarding the Provision of Services to Students with Disabilities During Statewide School Closures Due to Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Outbreak in New York State.

We have been working to develop a strategic plan regarding the use of telepractice, as a modality, for students in their districts receiving RS and SEIS services. In addition to the NYSED guidance, attached, please find documents that will be used only during the COVID-19 State of Emergency.

Copies of the Consent for CPSE Telepractice must be sent to the School District CPSE and uploaded to the CPSE portal.

Providers must secure consent prior to the start of service. Please review the attached consents for details. Telepractice sessions are only for services during the COVID-19 State of Emergency, effective as per the SED guidance issued on 3/27/2020.

Services may not be provided on the weekend and make up sessions for services prior to 3/27/2020 are not permitted.

The Weekly Confirmation of Telepractice services signature log must be signed weekly and submitted with the monthly invoice. These may be sent to/from parents electronically if the consents have been signed and received prior to any exchange of personally identifiable information.

McGuiness has informed us that they have added a field for tele therapy in the CPSE Portal and that more updates to the CPSE Portal will be coming in the next week.

NYSDOH/Medicaid and the NYSED Guidance document dated 3/27/20 has advised providers to review the following relevant guidance issued by SED Office of Special Education and the Office of the Professions:

Psychology Telepractice: [Psychology Guidance](#)

Engaging in Telepractice in the Speech-Language Pathology & Audiology Professions: [Speech Guidance](#)

Physical Therapy Telepractice: [Physical Therapy Guidance](#)

Social Work Telepractice: [Social Work Guidance](#)

Occupational Therapy: - OP has informed as of today- "OT services are an approved tele practice service. The guidance for providing said service had not yet been posted prior to the State Education guidance document being issued. Please check back on the Office of Professions website frequently as they will update".

If you or your providers have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.
Thank you

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