

## **Electrical Workers Administration and Claims Office**

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## TEMPORARY TELEHEALTH BENEFIT EXTENDED THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2021

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## To All Participants:

The Trustees of the IBEW Local 701 Welfare Fund have extended the temporary coverage for telehealth visits three additional months to September 30, 2021.

As before, this coverage applies to medically necessary telehealth visits by participants and dependents who are unable to visit their doctors' offices in person due to coronavirus precautionary measures.

- For the purpose of this coverage, a "telehealth visit" is a one-on-one consultation with a physician, or the physician's assistant or nurse, via telephone or audio/video conferencing.
- A telehealth visit will be considered medically necessary if the same service would have been covered had it been provided during a face-to-face consultation.
- The same deductibles, coinsurance, etc. that apply to in-person visits will apply to teleconferences.
- Use in-network providers whenever possible. You could be balance billed if an out-of-network provider charges more than a reasonable and customary amount.