



## **POLICY BULLETIN**

### **No. 21-04**

**Issued Date:** 10/6/2021

**Issued By:** Ellen DiDomenico, Deputy Secretary

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Pennsylvania Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs

**Effective Date:** Immediately

**Subject:** DDAP Gambling Treatment Services Manual Modifications

**Purpose:** The purpose of this policy bulletin is to document modifications made to the DDAP Gambling Treatment Services Manual.

**Audience:** All gambling treatment service providers that are currently contracted with DDAP through the Outpatient Gambling Treatment grant agreement.

**Policy:** The modifications listed below have been made to the DDAP Gambling Treatment Services Manual. The updated manual is published on our website [www.ddap.pa.gov](http://www.ddap.pa.gov).

#### **Section 3 – Telehealth Services**

- Telehealth Services have now been added to the manual and include the requirements for program software, an internal policy, and client policy.

#### **Section 4 – Provider Accessibility**

- Updated to require providers to maintain a physical location to deliver services even if they are providing telehealth services.

#### **Section 8 – Client Assessment**

- Updated to clarify that a real time interview with a client can be conducted during video conferencing.

#### **Section 20 – Glossary**

- The definition for assessment has been updated to include video conferencing.
- Telehealth has been defined.