



## Office of Addiction Services and Supports

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Governor

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Commissioner

March 17, 2020

Dear Provider:

Consistent with Governor Cuomo's declaration of a disaster emergency (Executive Order 202 - hereinafter "EO") due to the novel coronavirus, COVID-19, outbreak, the NYS Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS) is reaffirming that prevention services offered by OASAS funded and certified prevention providers may be provided through telepractice which includes both telephonic and audiovisual means. OASAS certified and funded prevention programs will be permitted to provide telepractice services if a school district or building closes for two weeks or more consistent with the authority provided in the EO.

Certified Prevention Counseling Providers seeking approval should submit a Self-Attestation to the OASAS Bureau of Certification at [certification@oasas.ny.gov](mailto:certification@oasas.ny.gov). Certified Prevention Counseling Providers should keep the original attestation form in their files. Once submitted, the OASAS Bureau of Certification will acknowledge receipt and the provider is immediately authorized to begin telepractice. The designation will be temporarily added to the provider's operating certificate.

Funded prevention providers should submit a Self-Attestation to the OASAS Prevention Bureau at [prevention@oasas.ny.gov](mailto:prevention@oasas.ny.gov). Once submitted the funded provider is authorized to begin telepractice. Funded providers should maintain the original attestation form in their files. Documentation will be maintained by the OASAS Bureau of Prevention.

The attestation can be found at: <http://oasas.ny.gov/telepractice-attestation>. This authority does not permit Medicaid billing not otherwise allowable and therefor prevention providers should ignore the direction to use a "95 or GT" modifier on claims in the attestation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert A. Kent".

Robert A. Kent  
General Counsel

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