

# COVID-19 RESOURCES



## DRUG AND ALCOHOL TREATMENT PROVIDERS

### TELEHEALTH EXPANSION

In response to COVID-19 and as part of Governor Wolf's Disaster Emergency, Single County Authorities may use DDAP funding for outpatient substance use disorder treatment facilities to provide counseling and other clinical services using telehealth technology.

With this announcement, substance use disorder counselors who meet qualifications provided in [28 Pa. Code § 704.7\(b\)](#) may provide telehealth using real-time, two-way interactive audio-video transmission services in licensed drug and alcohol outpatient clinics. While the two-way interactive transmission is the preferred method, services provided by telephone and in the home are also acceptable.

All federal and state privacy and confidentiality requirements applicable to in person services remain applicable to services provide through telehealth technology.

The ability to provide SCA-funded services through telehealth is consistent with the [guidelines](#) issued by Department of Human Services Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services.

View [Information Bulletin 01-20](#) for more information.