



**OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE
ALL-EMPLOYEES MEMORANDUM**

DATE: OCTOBER 18, 2021

**EMPLOYEE MEDICAL HEALTH PLAN OF SUFFOLK COUNTY (EMHP)
EXTENSION OF TELEPHONIC MEDICAL VISITS**

As part of our continuing effort to provide our members with important updates regarding the Employee Medical Health Plan of Suffolk County (EMHP), the Labor/Management Committee, which oversees the EMHP, would like to provide you with important information regarding the ability to utilize telephonic visits for both Hospital/Medical and Mental Health and/or Substance Use Disorder benefits.

MENTAL HEALTH OR SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER BENEFITS

As you know, under EMHP's Mental Health or Substance Use Disorder benefits you currently can utilize telephonic visits with your providers. Please be advised that this benefit has been extended through **March 31, 2022** and is subject to the applicable copay as well as any cost share.

HOSPITAL OR MEDICAL BENEFITS

Please be advised that effective immediately all telephonic visits with your providers for Hospital or Medical benefits have been reinstated through **March 31, 2022**. In addition, these visits are subject to the applicable copay as well as any cost share.

If you have any questions regarding the Mental Health or Substance Use Disorder benefits, please call Beacon Health Options via phone at 1-866-909-6472 or if you have any questions regarding your Hospital or Medical benefits, please call Empire BlueCrossBlueShield via phone at 1-800-939-7515. You can also contact Employee Benefits via email at ebu@suffolkcountyny.gov or via phone at 631-853-4866.

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