Dear CPA Members:

This Information Alert is to make sure you are all aware of a helpful resource recently released by APA: Answers to Frequently Asked Questions About Coronavirus. These FAQs address topics including:

- HHS’s temporary waiver of some HIPAA requirements
- What to do if you suspect a patient has the coronavirus and has visited your office
- What to do if you suspect you may have exposed your patients to coronavirus
- Audio-only telephone sessions and Medicare (Note: they currently are not reimbursed by Medicare)
- Telepsychology documentation
- Educating patients about social distancing
- Concerns about patient abandonment
- Psychologist self-care

For specific guidance on public health reporting and related issues in California, please see Confidentiality and Public Health.

For more detailed information about telehealth, please see CPA’s Resources on Telepsychology (log in required) and listen to the recording of last week’s Virtual Conversation “Transition to Telehealth, Insurance and Billing” which will be available soon on CPA’s Virtual Conversations Recordings (log in required).

As always, CPA members who have questions can contact me at ewinkel@cpapsych.org.

Take Care,

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