Fill in as many blanks as possible. Fields with an \* are required in case we need to contact you for clarification. Thanks for your completing this worksheet prior to the next meeting.

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Topic: Telehealth Payment Parity

Background on topic: Per the Kansas Telemedicine Act, insurers are authorized to establish reimbursement for services in the same manner as reimbursement for covered in-person services, but payment parity (i.e., that telehealth services be reimbursed at the same rate as in-person services) is not required. The Special Committee has asked this workgroup to discuss telehealth payment parity and develop a recommendation for the State of Kansas.

Supporting Materials:

* [Kansas Telemedicine Act](http://www.kslegislature.org/li_2020/b2019_20/statute/040_000_0000_chapter/040_002_0000_article/040_002_0210_section/040_002_0210_k/)
* [House Bill 2208](http://www.kslegislature.org/li/b2021_22/measures/hb2208/)

WORKSHEET:

1. Suggest a Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, and Time-Bound (SMART) recommendation related to the topic.

*Example (using a completed 2020 recommendation): Establish coverage of telehealth for crisis services to allow for the use of telehealth with law enforcement and mobile crisis services. Explore virtual co-responder models for law enforcement to aid police departments and other law enforcement agencies as they respond to mental health crisis in rural and frontier communities.*

1. Identify any research used to craft this recommendation.

*Example: Used background from the following article:* Responding to Individuals in Behavioral Health Crisis via Co-Responder Models: The role of cities, counties, law enforcement and providers. *Policy Research, Inc.* a*nd National League of Cities.*

1. Identify additional research or information needed to clarify or discuss this recommendation.

*Example: It would be helpful to have information about the types of telehealth crisis codes open for Medicaid reimbursement.*

1. Indicate people or groups (i.e., supplemental experts) who could discuss this recommendation.

*Example: Local law enforcement.*

1. What kind of action or resources would be necessary to implement the recommendation (see rubric on next page)?

*Example: Would require state to submit a state plan amendment.*

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| **Recommendation**:   |
| **Rationale**:    |
| **Ease of Implementation***(Score 1-10):*  | **Potential for High Impact***(Score 1-10):*  |
| Consider: ☐Program Change, (Easiest) ☐Pilot Program,  ☐Program Overhaul,  ☐New Program, (Most difficult)  Will cost be a barrier to implementation?   Does the recommendation include strategies for continuity? *(How does it consider sustainability?)*   Which of the following mechanisms may affect the achievability of the recommendation? ☐ Legislative session  ☐ Federal approval process  ☐ Regulatory process ☐ Contracts ☐ Agency budget development  ☐ Grant cycles ☐ Systems (e.g., IT)  | Consider: Will it benefit a large population? ☐Yes ☐ No  Will it significantly impact special populations?  ☐Foster care ☐Rural communities ☐Urban communities ☐Limited English Proficient (LEP) persons ☐Low-income individuals  ☐Children ☐Others? *(List here)*  Does it serve those who have been disproportionately impacted by the issue? *(Does it address inequities?)*  Could the recommendation produce savings in other areas?  |
| **How does this recommendation contribute to modernization?**   |
| **Action Lead:** *[Who takes point on this recommendation?]*   | **Key Collaborators:** *[Who should be included as decisions are made about how to implement this recommendation?]*  |
| **Intensity of Consensus**:  *[Is there group consensus that this recommendation is important for the modernization and reform of the behavioral health system in the state?* *Does a wide cross-section of stakeholders feel that this recommendation would be mutually beneficial? To be addressed during final review.]*  |