Telepractice: Laws and Regulations

Medicaid & Telehealth

<https://www.medicaid.gov/Medicaid-CHIP-ProgramInformation/By-Topics/DeliverySystems/Telemedicine.htm> l

Centers for Medicaid and CHIP Services (CMCS): Under the Medicaid Program, states have the option/flexibility to determine whether (or not) to cover telemedicine. States decide whether to provide telehealth and the type of telehealth services they will authorize for payment. Specifically, state Medicaid programs may decide on (1) the type of telemedicine service (equipment) to cover; (2) the types of telemedicine providers that may be covered and reimbursed; (3) how much to reimburse for telemedicine services, as long as such payments do not exceed federal upper payment limits; and (4) other conditions for payment.

Medicare & Telehealth

[www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-GeneralInformation/Telehealth](http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-GeneralInformation/Telehealth)

Center for Medicare: Oversees payment policy for physician & practitioner services paid under the Medicare physician fee schedule (PFS). Annually, CMS considers public requests to add additional services to the list of services which may be furnished via telehealth.

CMS Innovation Center

<https://innovation.cms.gov/>

Center for Medicare & Medicaid Innovation (The Innovation Center): This funding initiative supports testing for innovative health care payment and service delivery models that have the potential to reduce spending for Medicare, Medicaid, and CHIP while maintaining or improving the quality of care for program beneficiaries. CMMI funds various health care payment and service delivery models, some of which incorporate telehealth into their design, such as Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs) and Bundled Payment for Care Improvement (BPCI) Initiatives.

Federal Office of Rural Health Policy (FORHP)

Telehealth Program

<http://www.hrsa.gov/ruralhealth/telehealth/>

Telehealth Resource Centers

[www.telehealthresourcecenter.org](http://www.telehealthresourcecenter.org)

The FORHP supports the delivery of telehealth services which may include technical assistance, demonstration and evaluations of programs, network expansions as well as delivery of cost-effective telehealth services for rural and medically underserved areas and populations.

HIPPA

<https://www.hhs.gov/hipaa/for-professionals/special-topics/emergency-preparedness/notification-enforcement-discretion-telehealth/index.html?fbclid=IwAR1i3mPOQ0z05C6TYAYnue-YDI-kHg_dCI8hiWwltaoNRfChr3elh5H8gio>

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<https://www.healthit.gov/topic/health-it-initiatives/telemedicine-and-telehealth>