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Definition of telemedicine/telehealth	
<p>“Telemedicine means an interactive telecommunications system that: Utilizes information technology, audio, video and other appropriate elements, and is compatible with other telemedicine networks; and is used for the purpose of enhancing the delivery of medical information and health care to medical facilities in rural and urban areas throughout Arkansas.”</p> <p><i>Source: AR Code Annotated Sec. 10-3-1702 (2012)</i></p>	<p>Arkansas Medicaid defines telemedicine services as “medical services performed as electronic transactions in real time. In order for a telemedicine encounter to be covered by Medicaid, the practitioner and the patient must be able to see and hear each other in real time.”</p> <p><i>Source: 016 06 06 Code of AR Rules and Regs. (CARR) 024 (2012).</i></p> <p>The Medicaid manual describes telemedicine as, “Interactive electronic consultations are physician consultations, “face-to-face” in real time, via two-way electronic data exchange.”</p> <p><i>Source: AR Provider Manual, Section II: Physician/Independent Lab/CRNA/Radiation Therapy Center, p. 34.</i></p>
Live Video Reimbursement	
<p>No reference found.</p>	<p>Arkansas Medicaid will reimburse for up to two visits per patient, per year. A benefit extension request may be approved if it is medically necessary.</p> <p>Covered visits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consults; • Fetal echography and echocardiography; • Non-emergency visits in a physician’s office, a clinic or a hospital outpatient department; • Inpatient hospital visits; • Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) encounters. <p><i>Source: AR Provider Manual, Section II: Physician/Independent Lab/CRNA/Radiation Therapy Center, p. 71.</i></p> <p><i>Source: (fetal echography and echocardiography): AR Provider Manual, Section II: Hospital/CAH/End Stage Renal Disease, p. 32. and Section II: Rural Health Clinics, p. 6.</i></p> <p><i>Source (FQHC only): AR Provider Manual, Section II: Federally</i></p>

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	<p><i>Qualified Health Center, p. 11.</i></p> <p>There is reimbursement for live video for “Telepsych” services under the Rehabilitative Services for Persons with Mental Illness (RSPMI) program. See Medicaid manual for list of rehabilitative services that can be provided through telemedicine to beneficiaries under age 21 and above age 21.</p> <p>Note: These services are only available when, at a minimum, the Arkansas Telehealth Network (ATN) recommended audio video standards for real-time, two-way interactive audiovisual transmissions are met. Providers also must be able to link or connect to ATN, to ensure HIPAA compliance. Providers must receive prior authorization.</p> <p><i>Source: AR Provider Manual, Section II: Rehabilitative Services for Persons with Mental Illnesses, p. 15.</i></p>
Store and Forward Reimbursement	
<i>(See Medicaid column)</i>	<p>Arkansas Medicaid defines telemedicine as “Interactive electronic consultations are physician consultations, “face-to-face” in real time, via two-way electronic data exchange.” This would exclude store and forward.</p> <p><i>Source: AR Provider Manual, Section II: Physician/Independent Labe/CRNA/Radiation Therapy Center, p. 34.</i></p>
Remote Patient Monitoring Reimbursement	
No reference found.	No reference found.
Email/Phone/FAX	
No reference found.	No reference found.
Online Prescribing	
<p>Without a prior and proper patient-provider relationship, providers are prohibited from issuing prescriptions solely in response to an Internet questionnaire, an Internet consult, or a telephone consult.</p> <p><i>Source: AR Code Annotated Sec. 17-92-1003 (2012).</i></p>	No reference found.
Consent	
No reference found.	No reference found.
Location	
<p>Patients must be in a physician's office or a hospital.</p> <p><i>Source: 016 06 Code of AR Rules and Regs. (CARR) 036 (2012).</i></p>	<p><u>Eligible Originating Site</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In-patient or non-emergency hospital • Physician office or clinic • Ambulatory surgical center • FQHC; or

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emergency department. <p><i>Source: AR Provider Manual, Section II: Physician/Independent Lab/CRNA/Radiation Therapy Center, p. 132.</i></p>
Cross-State Licensing	
<p>An out of state physician utilizing an electronic medium who performs an act that is part of a patient care service that was initiated in Arkansas, including interpretation of an X-ray, that would affect the diagnosis or treatment, is engaged in the practice of medicine and subject to regulation by the Arkansas State Medical Board.</p> <p><i>Source: AR Code Revised 17-95-206 (2012)</i></p>	No reference found.
Private Payers	
No reference found.	No reference found.
Site/Transmission Fee	
No reference found.	No reference found.
Miscellaneous	
<p>The Board of Examiners in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology defines “telepractice” as telespeech, teleaudiology, teleSLP, telehealth or telerehabilitation when used separately or together.</p> <p>It defines “telepractice service” as the application of telecommunication technology equivalent in quality to services delivered face-to-face to deliver speech-language pathology or audiology services, or both, at a distance for assessment, intervention or consultation, or both.</p> <p><i>Source: AR Code Sec. 17-100-103.</i></p>	