

Idaho

Medicaid Program: Idaho Medicaid

Program Administrator: Idaho Dept. of Health and Welfare

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STATE LAW/REGULATIONS	MEDICAID PROGRAM
Definition of telemedicine/telehealth	
<p>“Telehealth is an electronic real-time synchronized audio-visual contact between a consultant and participant related to the treatment of the participant. The consultant and participant interact as if they were having a face-to-face service.”</p> <p><i>Source: ID Administrative Code 16.03.10.681 (2012).</i></p> <p>Psychiatric Telehealth is an electronic real time synchronous audio-visual contact between a physician and participant related to the treatment of the participant. The participant is in one (1) location, called the hub site, with specialized equipment including a video camera and monitor, and with the hosting provider. The physician is at another location, called the spoke site, with specialized equipment. The physician and participant interact as if they were having a face-to-face service.</p> <p><i>Source: ID Administrative Code 16.03.09 Sec. 502</i></p>	<p>Telehealth is an electronic, real time, synchronized, audio-visual contact between a qualified provider and a participant using specialized equipment.</p> <p><i>Source: Medicaid Telehealth Policy. Rev. 7/18/2014. (accessed Jul. 2014).</i></p>
Live Video Reimbursement	
<p>(see Medicaid column)</p>	<p>Idaho Medicaid will reimburse for a limited number of mental health and developmental disabilities (DD) services. They include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Psychotherapy with evaluation and management • Psychiatric diagnostic interview • Pharmacological management • DD therapeutic consultation • DD crisis intervention <p><i>Source: Medicaid Telehealth Policy. Rev. 7/18/2014. http://www.healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/Portals/0/Providers/Medicaid/TelehealthPolicy.pdf (accessed Jul. 2014) Source: Idaho MMIS Provider Handbook: allopathic and Osteopathic Physicians. Dec. 2014, p. 27. https://www.idmedicaid.com/Provider%20Guidelines/Allopathic%20and%20Osteopathic%20Physicians.pdf</i></p>

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	<p>Psychiatric telehealth services not provided through Idaho Behavioral Health Plan is limited to psychiatric services for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diagnostic assessment • Pharmacological management • Psychotherapy with evaluation and management services <p>Services are not reimbursed when provided through a videophone or webcam.</p> <p><i>Source: ID Administrative Code 16.03.09 Sec. 502</i></p> <p>Through the Children’s Waiver Services, Idaho Medicaid will reimburse for crisis intervention consults, or individual consults by a therapeutic consultant via live video.</p> <p><i>Source (service type): ID Administrative Code 16.03.10.683 (2012).</i></p>
Store and Forward Reimbursement	
No reference found.	<p>Idaho Medicaid will only reimburse for interactive audio and video permitting “real-time communication”, therefore excluding store and forward from coverage.</p> <p><i>Source: Idaho MMIS Provider Handbook: allopathic and Osteopathic Physicians. Jul. 2014, p. 25.</i></p> <p><i>Source: Medicaid Telehealth Policy. Rev. 7/18/2014. http://www.healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/Portals/0/Providers/Medicaid/TelehealthPolicy.pdf (accessed Jul. 2014)</i></p>
Remote Patient Monitoring Reimbursement	
No reference found.	No reference found.
Email/Phone/FAX	
No reference found.	<p>No reimbursement for telephone, email or fax.</p> <p><i>Source: Medicaid Telehealth Policy. Rev. 7/18/2014. http://www.healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/Portals/0/Providers/Medicaid/TelehealthPolicy.pdf (accessed Jul. 2014)</i></p>
Online Prescribing	
<p>Prescribing physicians must have prescriber-patient relationship, which includes a documented patient evaluation adequate to establish diagnoses and identify underlying conditions and/or contraindications to the treatment.</p> <p>Prescriptions based solely on online questionnaires or consults outside of an ongoing clinical relationship are prohibited.</p> <p><i>Source: ID Code § 54-1733 (2012).</i></p>	No reference found.
Consent	

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No reference found.	Participant informed consent is required. <i>Source: Medicaid Telehealth Policy. Rev. 7/18/2014. http://www.healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/Portals/0/Providers/Medicaid/TelehealthPolicy.pdf (accessed Jul. 2014)</i>
Location	
No reference found.	Telehealth services are only covered for participants who live in a rural HPSA or MSA where there is a shortage of qualified providers. The provider must document when there is no provider available to provide the services in person. <i>Source: Medicaid Telehealth Policy. Rev. 7/18/2014. http://www.healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/Portals/0/Providers/Medicaid/TelehealthPolicy.pdf (accessed Jul. 2014)</i>
Cross-State Licensing	
No reference found.	No reference found.
Private Payers	
No reference found.	No reference found.
Site/Transmission Fee	
No reference found.	ID Medicaid does reimburse for the transmission fee of the originating and distant site for mental health services. <i>Source: Idaho MMIS Provider Handbook: allopathic and Osteopathic Physicians. Dec. 2014, p. 27.</i> <i>Source: Medicaid Telehealth Policy. Rev. 7/18/2014. http://www.healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/Portals/0/Providers/Medicaid/TelehealthPolicy.pdf (accessed Jul. 2014)</i>
Miscellaneous	

Comments:

Idaho has a “Telehealth Council” that meets regularly to coordinate and develop a comprehensive set of standards, policies, rules and procedures for the use of telehealth and telemedicine in Idaho.

*Source: State of Idaho. Telehealth Council. (accessed Jan. 7, 2015)
<<http://telehealthcouncil.idaho.gov/Home/tabid/2823/Default.aspx>>*