

## Minnesota

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<b>Definition of telemedicine/telehealth</b>	
No reference found.	<p>“Telemedicine” is “the use of telecommunications to furnish medical information and services. Telemedicine consultations must be made via two-way, interactive video or store-and-forward technology.”</p> <p><i>Source: MN Dept. of Human Services, Provider Manual, <a href="#">Physician and Professional Services</a>, As revised Jan. 13, 2015.</i></p>
<b>Live Video Reimbursement</b>	
(see Medicaid column)	<p>Minnesota’s Medical Assistance program reimburses live video for fee-for-service programs.</p> <p>Prepaid health plans may choose whether to cover telemedicine services.</p> <p>Eligible “spoke” providers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Physician</li> <li>• Nurse practitioner</li> <li>• Clinical nurse specialist</li> <li>• Physician Assistant</li> <li>• Certified nurse midwife</li> <li>• Podiatrist or</li> <li>• Mental Health professional</li> </ul> <p>Eligible “hub” site provider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must be a specialist.</li> </ul> <p><i>Source: MN Dept. of Human Svcs., Provider Manual, <a href="#">Physician and Professional Services</a>, As revised Jan. 13, 2015.</i></p> <p><i>Source (Mental Health): MN Dept. of Human Svcs., Provider Manual, <a href="#">Telemedicine Delivery of Mental Health Services</a>, Sept. 26, 2012 (accessed Jan. 13, 2015).</i></p> <p>Telemedicine consults are limited to three per calendar week per patient.</p>

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	<p>Payment is made to both the consulting physician and the referring physician if the referring physician is present during the consult.</p> <p>The patient record must include a written opinion from the consulting physician.</p> <p><i>Source: MN Dept. of Human Services, Provider Manual, Physician and Professional Svcs. As revised Jan. 13, 2015.</i></p> <p>Telemedicine consults shall be paid at the same rate as in-person services.</p> <p><i>Minnesota Source: MN Statute Sec. 256B.0625</i></p> <p>Other services that can be provided through telemedicine:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children’s therapeutic supports services</li> <li>• Occupational therapy</li> <li>• Physical therapy</li> <li>• Speech-language pathology</li> </ul> <p><i>Source: MN Dept. of Human Svcs., Provider Manual, Individualized Education Program Svcs. Oct. 1, 2014 (Accessed on Jan. 13, 2015) &amp; Provider Manual, Rehabilitative Services. As revised Aug. 13, 2014 (accessed on Jan. 13, 2015). <a href="http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/idcplg?IdcService=GET_DYNAM_IC_CONVERSION&amp;RevisionSelectionMethod=LatestReleased&amp;dDocName=id_008951">http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/idcplg?IdcService=GET_DYNAM_IC_CONVERSION&amp;RevisionSelectionMethod=LatestReleased&amp;dDocName=id_008951</a></i></p> <p>Non-covered Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teledentistry</li> <li>• Telemedicine for alcohol and drug abuse services</li> </ul> <p><i>Source (dental): MN Dept. of Human Svcs., Provider Manual, Dental Svcs. Oct. 28, 2013 (Accessed on Jan. 13, 2015).</i></p> <p><i>Source (Alcohol and drug abuse): MN Dept. of Human Svcs., Provider Manual, Alcohol and Drug Abuse Svcs. Sept. 11, 2014 (Accessed on Jan. 13, 2015).</i></p>
<b>Store and Forward Reimbursement</b>	
(see <i>Medicaid</i> column)	<p>Minnesota’s Medical Assistance program reimburses for services delivered through store and forward technology.</p> <p><i>Source: MN Dept. of Human Svcs., Provider Manual, Physician and Professional Svcs. As revised Jan. 13, 2015.</i></p> <p>Store and forward technology includes telemedicine consults that do not occur in real time, and that do not require a face-to-face encounter with the patient for all or any part of the consult.</p> <p><i>Source: MN Statute Sec. 256B.0625 (2012).</i></p>
<b>Remote Patient Monitoring Reimbursement</b>	

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No reference found.	<p>There is reimbursement for “telehomecare” under Elderly Waiver (EW) and Alternative Care (AC) programs.</p> <p><i>Source: MN Dept. of Human Svcs., Provider Manual, <u>Elderly Waiver (EW) and Alternative Care (AC) Program</u>, As revised Oct. 28, 2014 (Accessed Jan. 13, 2015).</i></p> <p>Reimbursement is for skilled nurse visits only.</p> <p>Telehomecare is defined as the use of telecommunications technology by a home health care professional to deliver home health care services within the professional’s scope of practice to a recipient located at a site other than the site where the practitioner is located.</p> <p><i>Source: MN Dept. of Human Svcs., Provider Manual, <u>Home Care Svcs.</u>, As revised Aug. 16, 2010 (Accessed Jan. 13, 2015).</i></p>
<b>Email/Phone/FAX</b>	
No reference found.	<p>“A communication between two physicians that consists solely of a telephone conversation is not a telemedicine consultation.”</p> <p><i>Source: MN Statute Sec. 256B.0625 (2012).</i></p> <p>Case management for Child Welfare Case Management services is covered through telephone.</p> <p><i>Source: MN Dept. of Human Svcs., Provider Manual, <u>Child Welfare Case Management Services</u>, As revised Dec. 30, 2009. <a href="http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/idcplg?IdcService=GET_DYNAM_IC_CONVERSION&amp;RevisionSelectionMethod=LatestReleased&amp;dDocName=id_008999">http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/idcplg?IdcService=GET_DYNAM_IC_CONVERSION&amp;RevisionSelectionMethod=LatestReleased&amp;dDocName=id_008999</a></i></p>
<b>Online Prescribing</b>	
<p>A prescription or drug order is not valid unless it can be established that the prescription or order was based on a documented patient evaluation, including an examination, adequate to establish a diagnosis and identify underlying conditions and contraindications to treatment.</p> <p>This includes the referring provider performing an in-person examination and a consultant issuing the prescription when providing services by telemedicine.</p> <p><i>Source: MN Statute Sec. 151.37(2012).</i></p>	No reference found.
<b>Consent</b>	
No reference found.	No reference found.
<b>Location</b>	
No reference found.	Consults performed by providers who are not located in Minnesota and contiguous counties require prior authorization by the Medicaid program.

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	<p><i>Source: MN Dept. of Human Svcs., <u>Provider Manual, Physician and Professional Svcs.</u>, As revised Jan. 13, 2015.</i></p>
<b>Cross-State Licensing</b>	
<p>A physician licensed in another state can provide telemedicine services to a patient in Minnesota if their license has never been revoked or restricted in any state, they agree to not open an office in Minnesota and they register with the state's board.</p> <p><i>Source: MN Statute Sec. 147.032(1)</i></p>	<p>No reference found.</p>
<b>Private Payers</b>	
<p>No reference found.</p>	<p>No reference found.</p>
<b>Site/Transmission Fee</b>	
<p>No reference found.</p>	<p>No reference found.</p>
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	
	<p>The Chemical Dependency Continuum of Care Pilot Project is to include telehealth services to address barriers to services.</p> <p><i>Source: MN Statute 254B.14 Sec. 13</i></p>