

Montana

Medicaid Program: Montana Medicaid

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Definition of telemedicine/telehealth	
<p>“Telemedicine means the practice of medicine by a physician located outside the state, who performs an evaluative or therapeutic act relating to the treatment or correction of a patient's physical or mental condition, ailment, disease, injury, or infirmity, and who transmits that evaluative or therapeutic act into Montana through any means, method, device, or instrumentality under the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The information or opinion is provided directly to a patient in Montana for compensation or with the expectation of compensation; • The physician does not limit the physician's services to an occasional case; • The physician has an established or regularly used connection with the state, including but not limited to: (i) an office or another place for the reception of a transmission from the physician; (ii) a contractual relationship with a person or entity in Montana related to the physician's practice of medicine; or (iii) privileges in a Montana hospital or another Montana health care facility.” <p><i>Source: MT Code Annotated, § 37-3-342 (2011).</i></p> <p>Telemedicine means the use of interactive audio, video, or other telecommunications technology that is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Used by a health care provider or health care facility to deliver health care services at a site other than the site where the patient is located; and • Delivered over a secure connection that complies with the requirements of HIPPA. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The term includes the use of electronic media for consultation relating to the health care diagnosis or treatment of a patient in real time or through the use of 	<p>No reference found in Medicaid Manual.</p>

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<p>store-and-forward technology.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The term does not include the use of audio-only telephone, e-mail, or facsimile transmissions. <p><i>Source: MT Code Sec. 33-22-138.</i></p>	
Live Video Reimbursement	
<p>Private payers are required to provide coverage for services delivered through live video, equivalent to in-person coverage.</p> <p>Eligible providers under this law include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Physicians Registered professional nurse Advanced practice registered nurse Genetic counselor certified by the American board of genetic counseling Diabetes educator certified by the national certification board for diabetes <p>Eligible facilities under this law include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Critical access hospital Hospice Hospital Long-term care facility Mental health center Outpatient center for primary care Outpatient center for surgical services <p><i>Source: MT Code Sec. 33-22-138.</i></p>	<p>Montana Medicaid will reimburse for live video services when the consulting provider is enrolled in Medicaid.</p> <p>The requesting provider need not be enrolled in Medicaid nor be present during the telemedicine consult.</p> <p><i>Source: MT Dept. of Public Health and Human Svcs., Medicaid and Medical Assistance Programs Manual, Physician Related Svcs., p 25 (Jul. 2014).</i></p>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long-term care facility • Mental health center • Outpatient center for primary care • Outpatient center for surgical services <p><i>Source: MT Code Sec. 33-22-138.</i></p>	
Remote Patient Monitoring Reimbursement	
No reference found.	No reference found.
Email/Phone/FAX	
No Email No Phone No Fax <i>Source: MT Code Sec. 33-22-138.</i>	No reference found.
Online Prescribing	
No reference found.	No reference found.
Consent	
No reference found.	No reference found.
Location	
No reference found.	The place of service is considered to be the location of the provider providing the telemedicine service. <i>Source: MT Dept. of Public Health and Human Svcs., Medicaid and Medical Assistance Programs Manual, Physician Related Svcs., pg. 54 (Jul. 2014).</i>
Cross-State Licensing	
Montana issues telemedicine licenses to out-of-state physicians that only allows the physician to practice telemedicine in the specialty the physician is board certified or meets the current requirements to take the examination to become board certified. This license does not authorize the physician to practice medicine while physically present within the state. <i>Source: MT Code Annotated, 37-3-343.</i>	No reference found.
Private Payers	
Private payers are required to provide coverage for services delivered through telemedicine, equivalent to in-person coverage. <i>Source: MT Code Sec. 33-22-138.</i>	No reference found.
Site/Transmission Fee	
No reference found.	No reimbursement for network use charges. <i>Source: MT Dept. of Public Health and Human Svcs., Medicaid</i>

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	<i>and Medical Assistance Programs Manual, Physician Related Svcs., pg. 25 (Jul. 2014).</i>
Miscellaneous	

Comments:*New Regulations Passed:*

- MT Board of Speech-Language Pathology (*MT Admin Rules, [Sec. 24.222.9](#)*)