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Executive Summary

Payment and coverage for services delivered via telemedicine are one of the biggest challenges for telemedicine adoption. Patients and health care providers may encounter a patchwork of arbitrary insurance requirements and disparate payment streams that do not allow them to fully take advantage of telemedicine.

The American Telemedicine Association (ATA) has captured the complex policy landscape of 50 states with 50 different telemedicine policies, and translated this information into an easy to use format. This report extracts and compares telemedicine coverage and reimbursement standards for every state in the U.S. ultimately leaving each state with two questions:

- "How does my state compare regarding policies that promote telemedicine adoption?"
- "What should my state do to improve policies that promote telemedicine adoption?"

Based on 13 indicators related to coverage and reimbursement, our analysis reveals that decades of evidence-based research highlighting positive clinical outcomes and increasing telemedicine utilization have been met with a mix of strides and stagnation in state-based policy. When considering the numerous payment and service delivery options that enable telemedicine adoption, overall five states maintained the highest composite score suggesting a supportive policy landscape that accommodates telemedicine adoption. Maryland and Mississippi have dropped from an 'A' to 'B' as a result of additional restrictions being placed on telehealth coverage under their Medicaid plans. Connecticut and Rhode Island continue to average the lowest composite score suggesting many barriers and little opportunity for telemedicine advancement (Figure 1 and Table 1).



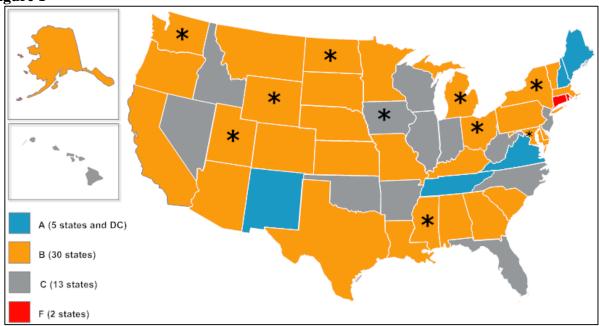


Table 1

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State	Composite Grade	State	Composite Grade	State	Composite Grade	State	Composite Grade
AK	В	ID	C	MT	В	RI	F
AL	В	IL	C	NC	С	SC	В
AR	С	IN	C	ND	В	SD	В
AZ	В	KS	В	NE	В	TN	A
CA	В	KY	В	NH	A	TX	В
CO	В	LA	В	NJ	С	UT	В
CT	F	MA	В	NM	A	VA	A
DC	A	MD	В	NV	С	VT	В
DE	В	ME	A	NY	В	WA	В
FL	С	MI	В	OH	В	WI	С
GA	В	MN	В	OK	С	WV	С
HI	С	MO	В	OR	В	WY	В
IA	С	MS	В	PA	В		

When broken down by the 13 indicators, the state-by-state comparisons reveal even greater disparities.

- Three additional states have enacted telemedicine parity laws since the release of the initial report. Of the 24 states that have <u>telemedicine parity laws</u> for private insurance, only 16 of them and D.C. scored the highest grades indicating policies that authorize state-wide coverage, without any provider or technology restrictions (Figure 2). Colorado improved its grade from a 'B' to 'A' because it removed the rural restrictions from its parity law. Over half of the country, 27 states, ranked the lowest with failing scores for having either no parity law in place or numerous artificial barriers to parity. Arkansas maintains a failing grade because it places arbitrary limits in its parity law.
- Forty-eight state Medicaid programs have some type of coverage for telemedicine. Only four states and D.C. scored the highest grades by offering more comprehensive coverage, with few barriers for telemedicine-provided services (Figure 3). Maryland dropped from an 'A' to 'B' due to restrictions enforced in its regulations. Connecticut, Hawaii, Idaho, Rhode Island, and West Virginia ranked the lowest with failing scores in this area. Iowa, Nevada and Utah have improved their failing scores to 'C' by expanding coverage for telehealth under their Medicaid plans.
- One area of improvement includes coverage and reimbursement for telemedicine under <u>state</u> <u>employee health plans</u>. Twenty-four states have some type of coverage for telehealth under one or more state employee health plan. Most states self-insure their plans and 58 percent of the country is ranked the lowest with failing scores due to partial or no coverage of telehealth (Figure 4).

Regarding <u>Medicaid regulations</u>, states are slowly moving away from the traditional hub-and-spoke model and allowing a variety of technology applications. Twenty-four states and D.C. do not specify a patient setting as a condition for payment of telemedicine (Figure 5). Aside from

this, 25 states recognize the home as an originating site, while 16 states recognize schools and/or school-based health centers as an originating site (Figures 6-7).

Alaska has the highest ranking for Medicaid operations because its program covers telemedicine when providers use interactive audio-video, store-and-forward, remote patient monitoring, email, fax, or audio conferencing for some services (Figure 8). South Dakota had dropped to a 'B' because it no longer covers telemedicine when some modalities are used. Almost half of the country ranks the lowest with failing scores either because they only cover synchronous only or provide no coverage for telemedicine at all. Idaho, Missouri, North Carolina and South Carolina prohibit the use of "cell phone video" to facilitate a telemedicine encounter.

There is a national trend to allow state-wide Medicaid coverage of telemedicine instead of focusing solely on rural areas or designated mileage requirements (Figure 9).

States are also increasingly using telemedicine to fill provider shortage gaps and ensure access to specialty care. Fifteen states and D.C. do not specify the type of healthcare provider allowed to provide telemedicine as a condition of payment (Figure 10). While 19 states ranked the lowest with failing scores for authorizing less than nine health provider types. Florida, Idaho, and Montana ranked the lowest with coverage for physicians only.

Overall, coverage of specialty services for telemedicine under Medicaid is a checkered board and no two states are alike.

- Ten states and D.C. rank the highest for coverage of telemedicine-provided physician services and most states cover an office visit or consultations, with ultrasounds and echocardiograms being the least covered telemedicine-provided services (Figure 11).
- For mental and behavioral health services, generally mental health assessments, individual therapy, psychiatric diagnostic interview exam, and medication management are the most covered via telemedicine. Eight states and D.C. rank the highest for coverage of mental and behavioral health services (Figure 12). The lowest ranking states for all Medicaid services, scoring an 'F', are Connecticut and Rhode Island which have no coverage for telemedicine under their Medicaid plans.
- Although state policies vary in scope and application, more four states have expanded coverage to include telerehabilitation. Fourteen states are known to reimburse for telerehabilitative services in their Medicaid plans. Of those, eight states rank the highest with telemedicine coverage for therapy services (Figure 13).
- Alaska is the only state with the highest ranking for telemedicine provided services under the home health benefit (Figure 14). Seventy-two percent of the country ranked the lowest with failing scores due to a lack of telemedicine services covered under the home health benefit.

Finally, twenty-seven states have unique patient informed consent requirements for telemedicine encounters (Figure 15). Twenty-eight states and D.C. do not require a telepresenter during the encounter or on the premises (Figure 16).

Purpose

Patients and health care enthusiasts across the country want to know how their state compares to other states regarding telemedicine. While there are numerous resources that detail state telemedicine policies, they lack a state-by-state comparison. ATA has created a tool that identifies state policy gaps with the hope that states will respond with more streamlined policies that improve health care quality and reduce costs through accelerated telemedicine adoption.

This report fills that gap by answering the following questions:

- "How does my state's telemedicine policies compare to others?"
- "Which states offer the best coverage for telemedicine provided services?"
- "Which states impose barriers to telemedicine access for patients and providers?"

It is important to note that this report is not a "how-to guide" for telemedicine reimbursement. This is a tool aimed to serve as a reference for interested parties and to inform future policy decision making. The results presented in this document are based on information collected from state statutes, regulations, Medicaid program manuals and fee schedules, state employee handbooks, and other federal and state policy resources. It is ATA's best effort to interpret and understand each state's policies. Your own legal counsel should be consulted as appropriate.

Overview

Telemedicine is getting increasing attention from lawmakers around the country. Policymakers seek to reduce health care delivery problems, contain costs, improve care coordination, and alleviate provider shortages. Many are using telemedicine to achieve these goals.

Over the past three years the number of states with telemedicine parity laws – that require private insurers to cover telemedicine-provided services comparable to that of in-person – has doubled. Moreover, Medicaid agencies are developing innovative ways to use telemedicine in their payment and delivery reforms resulting in 48 state Medicaid agencies with some type of coverage for telemedicine provided-services.

Driving the momentum for telemedicine adoption is the creation of new laws that enhance access to care via telemedicine, and the amendment of existing policies with greater implications. Patients and health care providers are benefitting from policy improvements to existing parity laws, expanded service coverage, and removed statutory and regulatory barriers. While there are some states with exemplary telemedicine policies, lack of enforcement and general awareness have led to a lag in provider participation. Ultimately these pioneering telemedicine reforms have trouble reaching their true potential.

Other areas of concern include states that have adopted policies which are limiting in scope or prevent providers and patients from realizing the full benefits of telemedicine. Specifically, artificial barriers such as geographic discrimination and restrictions on provider and patient settings and technology type are harmful and counterproductive.

Assessment Methods

Scoring

This report considers telemedicine coverage and reimbursement policies in each state based on two categories:

- Health plan parity
- Medicaid conditions of payment.

These categories were measured using 13 indicators. The indicators were chosen based on the most recent and generally accessible information assembled and published by state public entities. Using this information, we took qualitative characteristics based on scope of service, provider and patient eligibility, technology type, and arbitrary conditions of payment and assigned them quantitative values. States were given a certain number of points for each indicator depending on its effectiveness. The points were then used to rank and compare each state by indicator. We used a four-graded system to rank and compare each state. This is based off of the scores given to each state by indicator. Each of the two categories was broken down into indicators – three indicators for health plan parity and 10 indicators for Medicaid conditions of payment.

Each indicator was given a maximum number of points ranging from 1 to 35. The aggregate score for each indicator was ranked on a scale of A through F based on the maximum number of points.

The report also includes a category to capture innovative payment and service delivery models implemented in each state. In addition to state supported networks in specialty care and correctional health, the report identifies a few federally subsidized programs and waivers that states can leverage to enhance access to health care services using telemedicine.

Limitations

Telemedicine policies in state health plans vary according to a number of factors – service coverage, payment methodology, distance requirements, eligible patient populations and health care providers, authorized technologies, and patient consent. These policy decisions can be driven by many considerations, such as budget, public health and safety needs, available infrastructure or provider readiness.

As such, the information in this report is a snapshot of information gathered through April 2015. The report relies on dynamic policies from payment streams that are often dissimilar and unaligned.

We analyzed both Medicaid fee-for-service (FFS) and managed care plans. Benefit coverage under these plans vary by size and scope. We used physician, mental and behavioral health, home health, and rehabilitation services as a benchmark for our analysis. Massachusetts and New Hampshire do not cover telemedicine-provided services under their FFS plans but do have

some coverage under at least one of their managed care plans. As such, the analysis and scores are reflective of the telemedicine offerings in each program, and not the Medicaid program itself, regardless of size and scope.

We did not analyze Children's Health Insurance Plans (CHIP) plans. We are aware that states provide some coverage of telemedicine-provided services for CHIP beneficiaries. Additionally, some states recognize schools and/or school-based health centers as originating sites, however we did not separately score or rank school-based programs.

Other notable observations in our analysis include state Medicaid plans that do not cover therapy services (i.e. physical therapy, occupational therapy, and speech language pathology).² States with no coverage for these benefits were not applicable for scoring or ranking.

Additionally, some states policies can be conflicting. States like New York and Washington have enacted laws requiring telemedicine parity in their Medicaid plans. However, regulations and the Medicaid provider manuals do not reflect these policy changes. Also Missouri and Oklahoma have policy proposals that would expand coverage under Medicaid but are awaiting final approval. In those cases, the analysis and scores are reflective of the authorized regulations and statutes enacted by law. Future reports will reflect changes in the law if applicable.

Also, this report is about what each state has "on paper", not necessarily in service. Important factors, such as the actual provision and utilization of telemedicine services and provider collaboration to create service networks are beyond the scope of this report.

Indicators

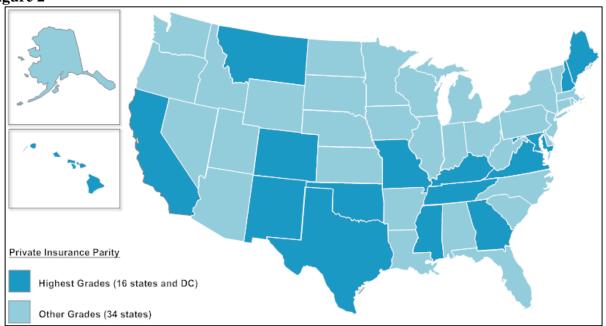
Parity

A. Private Insurance

Full parity is classified as comparable coverage and reimbursement for telemedicine-provided services to that of in-person services. Twenty-three states and the District of Columbia have enacted full parity laws. Only Arizona has enacted a partial parity law that require coverage and reimbursement, but limit coverage to a certain geographic area (e.g., rural) or a predefined list of health care services. For this report's purpose, we measured components of state policies that enable or impede parity for telemedicine-provided services under private insurance health plans.

Sca	Scale – Private Insurance Parity			
A	7 points			
В	6 points			
С	5 points			
F	≤ 4 points			





States with the highest grades for private insurance telemedicine parity provide state-wide coverage, and have no provider or technology restrictions (Figure 2). Among states with parity laws, Arizona, Michigan, Oregon, Vermont, and Washington scored about average (C). Michigan, Oregon, and Vermont only authorize the use of interactive audio-video systems. While Arizona also restricts coverage to audio-video only, the state's law also restricts the types of services and conditions that are covered via telemedicine. Despite enacting a parity law in March 2015, Arkansas maintains a failing grade because it places arbitrary limits on patient location, eligible provider type, and requires an in-person visit to establish a provider-patient relationship. Fifty-four percent of the country ranked the lowest with failing (F) scores.

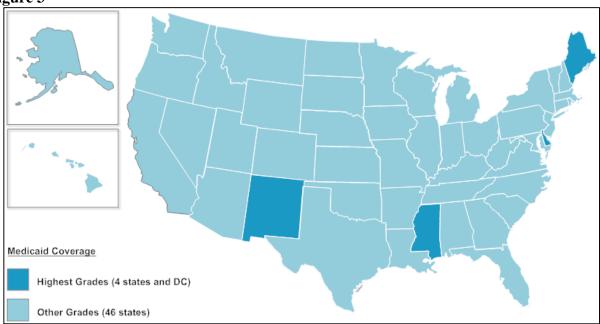
B. Medicaid

Additionally, each state's Medicaid plan was assessed based on service limits and patient setting restrictions. Other components assessed for all three plans include provider eligibility and the type of technology allowed under the parity law are examined to determine the state's capacity to fully utilize telemedicine to overcome barriers to care. For this report's purpose, we measured components of state policies that enable or impede parity for telemedicine-provided services under Medicaid state-employee health plans.

Sca	Scale – Medicaid Coverage		
Α	14+ points		
В	10-13 points		
С	6-9 points		
F	≤ 5 points		

Forty-eight state Medicaid programs have some type of coverage for telemedicine.





Four states and D.C. have the highest grades for Medicaid coverage for telemedicine-provided services (Figure 3). Connecticut, Hawaii, Idaho, Rhode Island, and West Virginia ranked the lowest with failing (F) scores. Iowa, Nevada, and Utah have all made improvements to expand coverage of telemedicine for their Medicaid populations. Connecticut and Rhode Island are the only states without coverage for telemedicine under their Medicaid plans. Idaho offers the least amount of coverage for telemedicine provided services. While Hawaii, Idaho, Oklahoma, and West Virginia still apply geography limits in addition to restrictions on service coverage, provider eligibility, and patient setting.

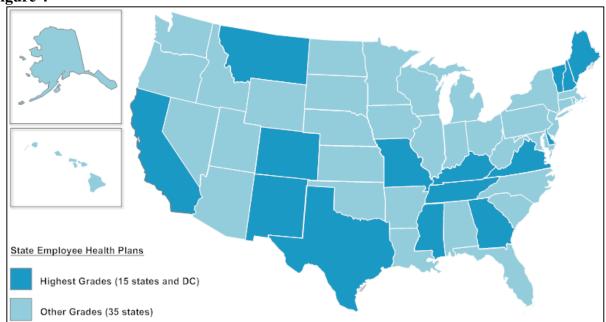
C. State Employee Health Plans

We measured components of state policies that enable or impede parity for telemedicineprovided services under state-employee health plans.

Scale – State-employee Health			
Pla	Plan Parity		
Α	7 points		
В	6 points		
С	5 points		
F	≤4 points		

Twenty-four states provide some coverage for telemedicine under their state employee health plans with 21 states extending coverage under their parity laws (Figure 4). Most states self-insure their plans and 58 percent of the country is ranked the lowest with failing scores due to partial or no coverage of telehealth.





Medicaid Service Coverage & Conditions of Payment

D. Patient Setting

In telemedicine policy, the place where the patient is located at the time of service is often referred to as the originating site (in contrast, to the site where the provider is located and often referred to as the distant site). A traditional approach to telemedicine coverage is to require that the patient be served from a specific type of health facility, such as a hospital or physician's office. Left out by these approaches are the sites where people predominantly spend their time, such as homes, office/place of work, schools, or traveling around. With advances in decentralized computing power, such as cloud processing, and mobile telecommunications, such as 4G wireless, the current approach is to cover health services to patients wherever they are.

The location of the patient, often times referred to as the originating site, is a contentious component of telemedicine policy

For this report, we measured components of state Medicaid policies that, for conditions of coverage and payment, broaden or restrict the location of the patient when telemedicine is used. The following sites are observed as qualified patient locations:

- Hospitals
- doctor's office
- other provider's office
- home
- federally qualified health center (FQHC)
- critical access hospital (CAH)
- rural health center (RHC)

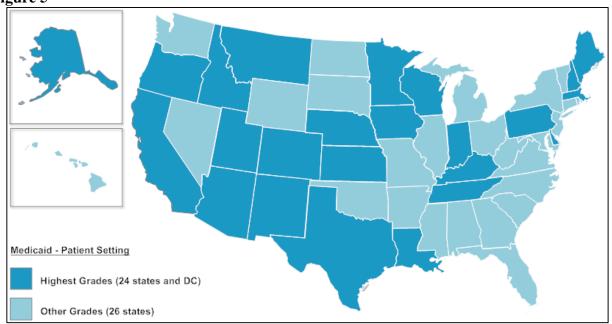
- community mental health center (CMHC)
- sole community hospital
- school/school-based health center (SBHC)
- assistive living facility (ALF)
- skilled nursing facility (SNF)
- stroke center
- rehabilitation/therapeutic health setting
- ambulatory surgical center
- residential treatment center
- health departments
- renal dialysis centers.

States received one (1) point for each patient setting authorized as an eligible originating site. Those states that did not specify an originating site were given the maximum score possible (20).

Sca	Scale – Medicaid: Patient		
Set	Settings		
A	16+ points		
В	11-15 points		
C	6-10 points		
F	\leq 5 points		

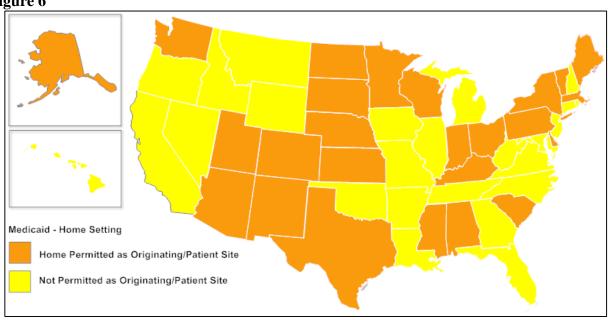
Twenty-four states and D.C. do not specify a patient setting or patient location as a condition of payment for telemedicine (Figure 5).

Figure 5

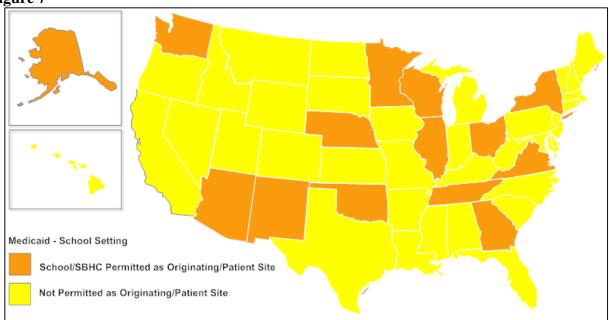


Aside from this, 25 states recognize the home as an originating site, while 16 states recognize schools and/or SBHCs as an originating site (Figures 6-7).









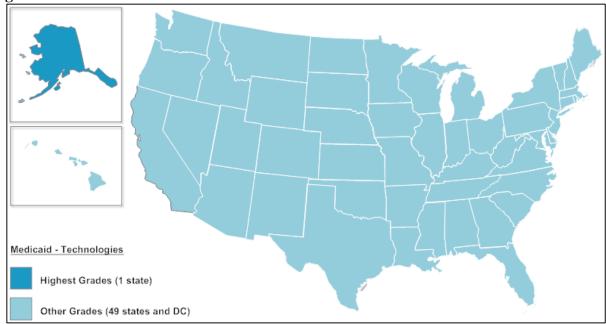
Twelve states ranked the lowest with failing (F) scores for designating less than six patient settings as originating sites with Utah ranking the lowest with only one eligible originating site.

E. Eligible Technologies

Telemedicine includes the use of numerous technologies to exchange medical information from one site to another via electronic communications. The technologies closely associated with services enabled by telemedicine include videoconferencing, the transmission of still images (also known as store-and-forward), remote patient monitoring (RPM) of vital signs, and telephone calls. For this report, we measured components of state Medicaid policies that allow or prohibit the coverage and/or reimbursement of telemedicine when using these technologies.

Sca	Scale – Medicaid: Eligible			
Tec	Technologies			
A	5 points			
В	4 points			
С	3 points			
F	≤2 points			





Ten states score above average on our scale with Alaska taking the highest ranking (Figure 8). The state covers telemedicine when providers use interactive audio-video, store-and-forward, remote patient monitoring, and audio conferencing for some telemedicine encounters. Alabama, Alaska, Minnesota, Mississippi, Nebraska, and Texas all cover telemedicine when using synchronous technology as well as store-and-forward and remote patient monitoring in some capacity. Fifty-seven percent of the states ranked the lowest with failing (F) scores either because they only cover synchronous only or provide no coverage for telemedicine at all.

Further, Idaho, Missouri, North Carolina and South Carolina prohibit the use of "cell phone video" to facilitate a telemedicine encounter.

F. Distance or Geography Restrictions

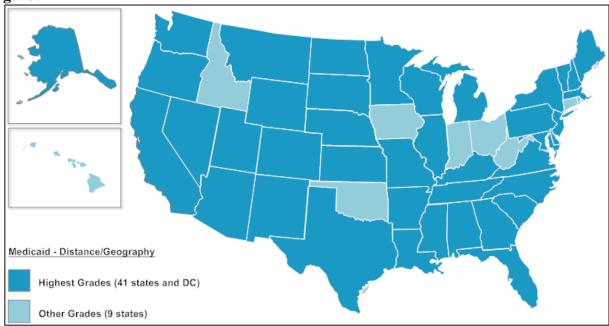
Distance restrictions are measured in miles and designate the amount of distance necessary between a distance site provider and patient as a condition of payment for telemedicine. Geography is classified as rural, urban, metropolitan statistical area (MSA), defined population size, or health professional shortage area (HPSA).

We measured components of state Medicaid policies that apply distance or geography restrictions for conditions of coverage and payment when telemedicine is performed.

Sca	Scale – Medicaid: Distance &		
Geo	Geography Restrictions		
A	3 points		
В	2 points		
C	1 point		
F	0 points		

Over the past year, states have made considerable efforts to rescind mileage requirements for covered telemedicine services. Michigan, and Nebraska successfully removed distance requirements. Indiana has statutory authority to remove their mileage requirements for all distance site providers but chooses to enforce the mileage requirement for some eligible providers. Earlier this year, Ohio Medicaid approved a regulation that would expand coverage of telemedicine services, and includes a five mile distance restriction as a condition of payment.





Eighty-two percent of the states cover telemedicine services state-wide without distance restrictions or geographic designations (Figure 9). This evidence dispels the misconception that telemedicine is only appropriate for rural settings only.

G. Eligible Providers

Most states allow physicians to perform telemedicine encounters within their scope of practice.

We measured components of state Medicaid policies that, for conditions of coverage and payment, broaden or restrict the types of distant site providers allowed to perform the telemedicine encounter. The following providers are observed as qualified health care professionals for covered telemedicine-provided services:

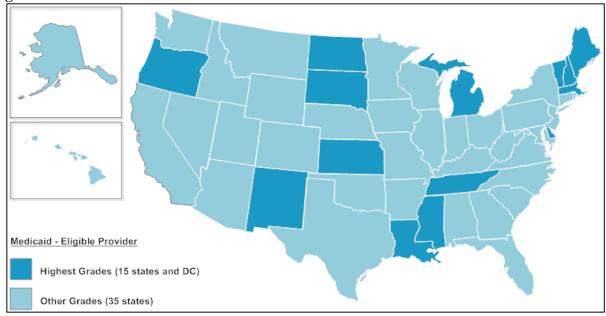
- physician (MD and DO)
- podiatrist
- chiropractor
- optometrist
- genetic counselor
- dentist
- physician assistant (PA)
- nurse practitioner (NP)
- registered nurse
- licensed practical nurse
- certified nurse midwife
- clinical nurse specialist
- psychologist
- marriage and family therapist
- clinical social worker (CSW)
- clinical counselor
- behavioral analyst
- substance abuse/addictions specialist
- clinical therapist
- pharmacist
- physical therapist
- occupational therapist
- speech-language pathologist and audiologist
- registered dietitian/nutritional professional
- diabetes/asthma/nutrition educator
- home health aide
- home health agency (HHA)
- FQHC
- CAH
- RHC
- CMHC
- SNF.

Each state received two (2) points for designating a physician, and one (1) point for each additional eligible provider authorized to provide covered telemedicine services. Those states that did not specify an eligible provider were given the maximum score possible (35).

Sca	Scale – Medicaid: Eligible		
Providers			
A	25+ points		
В	17-24 points		
С	9-16 points		
F	≤8 points		

Fifteen states and D.C. do not specify the type of health care provider allowed to provide telemedicine as a condition of payment (Figure 10).





Other interesting trends include Alaska, California, and Illinois which cover services when provided by a podiatrist. Alaska, California, and Kentucky cover services when provided by a chiropractor. California and Kentucky are the only states to specify coverage for services when provided by an optometrist. Although CMS has issued guidance clarifying their position on coverage for services related to autism spectrum disorder, only New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Washington specify coverage for telemedicine when provided by behavioral analysts. This trend is unique because these specialists are critical for the treatment of autism spectrum disorders. New Mexico, Oklahoma, Virginia, West Virginia, and Wyoming specify coverage for telemedicine when provided by a substance abuse or addiction specialist.

Nineteen states ranked the lowest with failing (F) scores for authorizing less than nine health provider types. Florida, Idaho, Iowa, and Montana ranked the lowest with coverage for physicians only.

H. Physician-provided Telemedicine Services

Physician-provided telemedicine services are commonly covered and reimbursed by Medicaid health plans. However, some plans base coverage on a prescribed set of health conditions or services, place restrictions on patient or provider settings, the frequency of covered telemedicine encounters, or exclude services performed by other medical professionals.

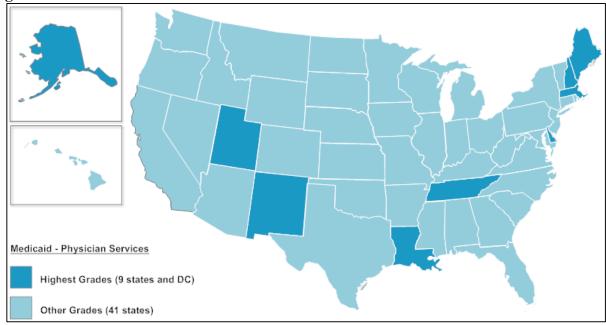
For this report, we measured components of state Medicaid policies that broaden or restrict a physician's ability to use telemedicine for conditions of coverage and payment.

Sca	Scale – Medicaid: Physician-		
pro	vided Services		
A	13 points		
В	10-12 points		
C	7-9 points		
F	≤ 6 points		

Ten states and D.C. rank the highest for coverage of telemedicine-provided physician services. These states have no restrictions on service coverage or additional conditions of payment for services provided via telemedicine. Additionally, these states also allow a physician assistant and/or advanced practice nurse as eligible distant site providers.

Moreover, most states cover an office visit or consultations, with ultrasounds and echocardiograms being the least covered telemedicine-provided services (Figure 11).





The lowest ranking states, which scored an F, are Connecticut and Rhode Island which have no coverage for telemedicine under their Medicaid plans and Iowa and Ohio with limited service coverage and other arbitrary restrictions.

I. Mental and Behavioral Health Services

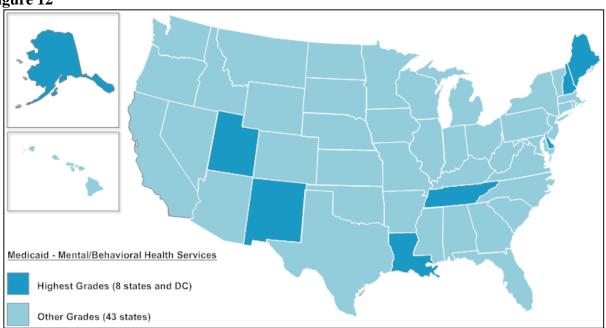
According to ATA's telemental health practice guidelines, telemental health consists of the practice of mental health specialties at a distance using video-conferencing. The scope of services that can be delivered using telemental health includes: mental health assessments, substance abuse treatment, counseling, medication management, education, monitoring, and collaboration. Forty-eight states have some form of coverage and reimbursement for mental health provided via telemedicine video-conferencing. While the number of states with coverage in this area suggests enhanced access to mental health services, it is important to note that state policies for telemental health vary in specificity and scope.

We measured components of state Medicaid policies that broaden or restrict the types of providers allowed to perform the telemedicine encounter, telemedicine coverage for mental and behavioral health services.

Sca	le – Medicaid: Mental and
Beh	navioral Health Services
A	14 points
В	10-13 points
С	6-9 points
F	\leq 5 points

Generally the telemedicine-provided services that are most often covered under state Medicaid plans include mental health assessments, individual therapy, psychiatric diagnostic interview exam, and medication management. Eight states and D.C. rank the highest for coverage of mental and behavioral health services (Figure 12). These states have no restrictions on service coverage or additional conditions of payment for services provided via telemedicine. Additionally, these states also classify at least one other medical professional (i.e. physician assistant and advanced practice nurse) as an eligible distant site provider.





It is also more common for states with telemental health coverage to allow physicians that are psychiatrists, advanced practice nurses with clinical specialties, and psychologists to perform the telemedicine encounter. However, many states allow non-medical providers to perform and reimburse for the telemedicine encounter. States including Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Hawaii, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Nevada, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia and Wyoming cover telemedicine when performed by a licensed social worker. Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Indiana, Kentucky, Minnesota, Nevada, New Mexico, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, and Wyoming cover telemedicine when provided by a licensed professional counselor.

Further, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Washington are the only states to specify coverage for telemedicine when provided by behavioral analysts. This trend is unique because these specialists are critical for the treatment of autism spectrum disorders.

The lowest ranking states, which scored an F, are Connecticut and Rhode Island which have no coverage for telemedicine under their Medicaid plans. Iowa improved their grade from an 'F' to 'B' due to expanded service coverage offered through a contracted plan.

J. Rehabilitation Services

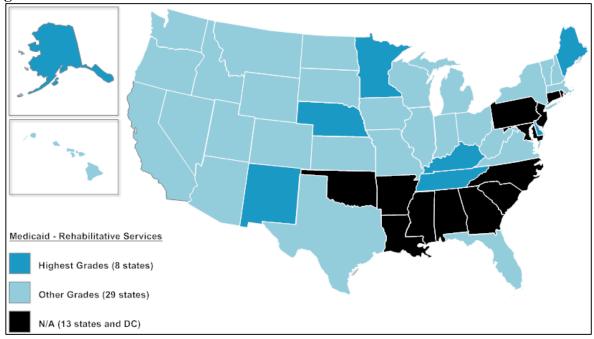
The ATA telerehabilitation guidelines define telerehabilitation as the "delivery of rehabilitation services via information and communication technologies. Clinically, this term encompasses a range of rehabilitation and habilitation services that include assessment, monitoring, prevention, intervention, supervision, education, consultation, and counseling". Rehabilitation professionals utilizing telerehabilitation include: neuropsychologists, speech-language pathologists, audiologists, occupational therapists, and physical therapists.

We measured components of state Medicaid policies that broaden or restrict the types of providers allowed to perform the telemedicine encounter, restrictions on patient or provider settings, and coverage for telerehabilitation services.

	le – Medicaid: nabilitation Services
A	6+ points
В	4-5 points
C	2-3 points
F	≤ 1 points

Only 37 states were analyzed, scored and ranked for this indicator. Thirteen states and D.C. do not cover rehabilitation services for their Medicaid recipients. Although state policies vary in scope and application, 14 states are known to reimburse for telerehabilitative services in their Medicaid plans. Of those, eight states rank the highest with telemedicine coverage for therapy services (Figure 13).





Further, of the 25 states that cover home telemedicine, only Alaska, Arizona, Delaware, Kentucky, Maine, Nebraska, New Mexico, and Tennessee reimburse for telerehabilitative services within the home health benefit, even though the same services are covered when provided in-person.

K. Home Health Services

One well-proven form of telemedicine is remote patient monitoring. Remote patient monitoring may include two-way video consultations with a health provider, ongoing remote measurement

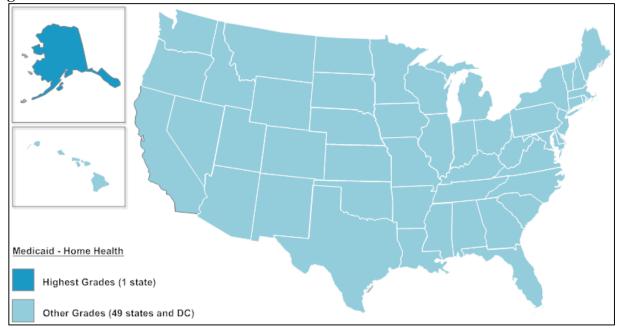
of vital signs or automated or phone-based check-ups of physical and mental well-being. The approach used for each patient should be tailored to the patient's needs and coordinated with the patient's care plan.

For this report, we measured components of state Medicaid policies that broaden or restrict the types of providers allowed to perform the telemedicine encounter and services covered for home health services.

Sca	le – Medicaid: Home Health
Α	6+ points
В	4-5 points
С	2-3 points
F	≤ 1 point

Alaska is the only state with the highest ranking for telemedicine provided services under the home health benefit (Figure 14).





Of the 25 states that cover home telemedicine, only Arizona, Alaska, Delaware, Kentucky, Maine, Nebraska, New Mexico, and Tennessee reimburse for telerehabilitative services within the home health benefit, even though the same services are covered when provided in-person. Additionally, Pennsylvania is the only state that will cover telemedicine in the home when provided by a caregiver.

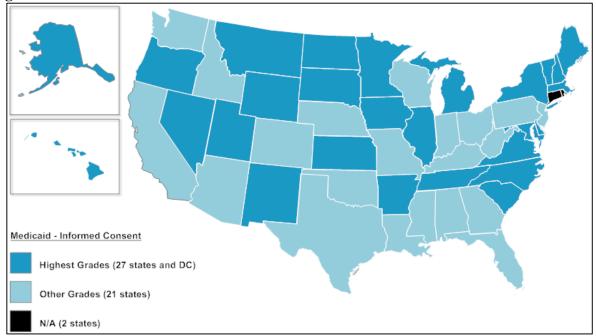
Seventy-two percent of the country ranked the lowest with failing (F) scores due to a lack of telemedicine services covered under the home health benefit.

L. Informed Consent

We measured components of state Medicaid policies that apply more stringent requirements for telemedicine as opposed to in-person services. States were evaluated based on requirements for written or verbal informed consent, or unspecified methods of informed consent before a telemedicine encounter can be performed.

Scale – Medicaid: Informed	
Consent	
A	4 points
В	3 points
С	2 points
F	≤1 point





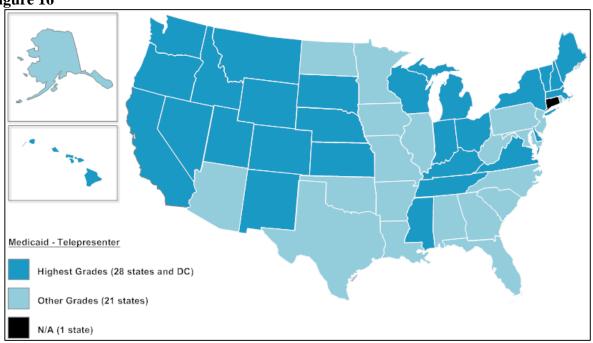
Of the 23 states with informed consent requirements, 16 states have such requirements imposed by their state Medical Board (Figure 15). Although Connecticut has no telemedicine coverage under Medicaid, its Medical Board does not require informed consent which sounds promising for future consideration of telemedicine coverage. However, Rhode Island's Medical Board requires informed consent when using e-mails and text based communications.

M. Telepresenter

We measured components of state Medicaid policies that apply more stringent requirements for telemedicine as opposed to in-person services. States were evaluated based on requirements for a telepresenter or health care provider on the premises during a telemedicine encounter.

	lle – Medicaid: epresenter
A	3 points
В	2 points
С	1 point
F	0 points

Figure 16



Alabama, Georgia, Iowa, Maryland, Minnesota, Missouri, New Jersey, North Carolina, and West Virginia only require a health care provider to be on the premises and not physically with the patient during a telemedicine encounter (Figure 16). Nevada and Utah improved their grade to an 'A' by removing this arbitrary requirement. Although Connecticut and Rhode Island have no telemedicine coverage under Medicaid, their Medical Boards do not require a telepresenter for telemedicine related services.

Innovative Payment or Service Delivery Models

This report also includes a category to capture innovative payment and service delivery models implemented in each state. In addition to state supported networks in specialty care and correctional health, the report identifies a few federally subsidized programs and waivers that states have leveraged to enhance access to health care services using telemedicine.

Over the years, states have increasingly used managed care organizations (MCOs) to create payment and delivery models involving capitated payments to provide better access to care and follow-up for patients, and also to control costs. The variety of payment methods and other operational details among Medicaid managed care arrangements is a useful laboratory for

devising, adapting and advancing long-term optimal health delivery. MCOs experimenting with innovative delivery models including medical homes and dual-eligible coordination have incorporated telemedicine as a feature of these models especially because it helps to reduce costs related to emergency room use and hospital admissions.

Twenty-four states authorize telemedicine-provided services under their Medicaid managed care plans. Most notably, Massachusetts and New Hampshire offer coverage under select managed care plans but not under FFS.

The federal Affordable Care Act (ACA) offers states new financing and flexibility to expand their Medicaid programs, as well as to integrate Medicare and Medicaid coverage for dually eligible beneficiaries ("duals"). Georgia, New York and Virginia are the only states that extend coverage of telemedicine-provided services to their dual eligible population through the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Capitated Financial Alignment Model for Medicare-Medicaid Enrollees.³

The ACA also includes a health home option to better coordinate primary, acute, behavioral, and long-term and social service needs for high-need, high-cost beneficiaries. The chronic conditions include mental health, substance use disorder, asthma, diabetes, heart disease, overweight (body mass index over 25), and other conditions that CMS may specify.

Fifteen states have approved health home state plan amendments (SPAs) from CMS.⁴ Alabama, Iowa, Maine, New York, Ohio, and West Virginia are the only states that have incorporated some form of telemedicine into their approved health home proposals.

Medicaid plans have several options to cover remote patient monitoring, usually under a federal waiver such as the Home and Community-based Services (HCBS) under Social Security Act section 1915(c).⁵ States may apply for this waiver to provide long-term care services in home and community settings rather than institutional settings. Kansas, Pennsylvania, and South Carolina are the only states that have used their waivers to provide telemedicine to beneficiaries in the home, specifically for the use of home remote patient monitoring.

State Report Cards

Telemedicine in Alabama



PARITY:	
Private Insurance	F
Medicaid ⁶	С
State Employee Health Plan	F
MEDICAID SERVICE	
COVERAGE & CONDITION	IS
OF PAYMENT:	
Patient Setting	С
Eligible Technologies	В
Distance or Geography	A
Restrictions	
Eligible Providers	F
Physician-provided Services	В
Mental/behavioral Health	В
Services ⁷	
Rehabilitation	F
Home Health ⁸	F
Informed Consent	F
Telepresenter	В
INNOVATIVE PAYMENT	
OR SERVICE DELIVERY	
MODELS:	
State-wide Network	
Medicaid Managed Care	
Medicare-Medicaid Dual	
Eligibles	
Health Home ⁹	/
HCBS Waiver	
Corrections	/

Other¹⁰

AL is bordered by GA, MS, and TN which enacted private insurance parity laws. AL has not proposed parity legislation within the past 2 years.

Medicaid

- Limited patient settings include hospital, physician's office, FQHC, CAH, RHC, CMHC. The home is recognized as an originating site under the Health Home model for RPM use only.
- Eligible providers are restricted to MDs/DOs, PAs, and NPs for physician and mental health services.
- Requires written informed consent and a telepresenter on the premises.

Innovation

• CMS approved Health Home program based off of the successful Patient 1st medical home model uses home health nurses employed by the Department of Health to remotely monitor vital signs for patients with diabetes, hypertension, and congestive heart disease. Although the use of RPM was approved for this program, there is no mention of using other telemedicine modalities.

Telemedicine in Alaska



PARITY:	
Private Insurance	F
Medicaid ¹²⁻¹⁸	В
State Employee Health Plan	F
MEDICAID SERVICE	
COVERAGE & CONDITION	IS
OF PAYMENT:	
Patient Setting	A
Eligible Technologies	A
Distance or Geography	A
Restrictions	
Eligible Providers	В
Physician-provided Services	A
Mental/behavioral Health	A
Services ¹⁹⁻²⁰	
Rehabilitation ²¹	A
Home Health ²²	A A C
Informed Consent	A
Telepresenter	C
INNOVATIVE PAYMENT	
OR SERVICE DELIVERY	
MODELS:	
State-wide Network	
Medicaid Managed Care	N/A
Medicare-Medicaid Dual	
Eligibles	
Health Home	
HCBS Waiver	
Corrections	
Other	

Lawmakers have not proposed legislation ensuring coverage and reimbursement for telemedicine under private insurance or state employee health plans in 2015.

Medicaid

- Telemedicine coverage under the Medicaid plan is broad and the least restrictive compared to other states. However not all benefits are covered when using telemedicine, thus leaving out services including dental and ocular care.
- Will cover services when delivered using dedicated audio conferencing system.
- Alaska Medicaid covers school-based services when provided via telemedicine: audiology, behavioral health, nursing, occupational therapy, physical therapy, and speechlanguage therapy.¹¹
- Although Medicaid does not require a telepresenter as a condition of payment, the state's Medical Board has such practice standard requirements.

Telemedicine in Arizona



PARITY:	
Private Insurance	C
Medicaid ²⁴⁻²⁵	В
State Employee Health Plan	C
MEDICAID SERVICE	
COVERAGE & CONDITIONS	
OF PAYMENT:	
Patient Setting	A
Eligible Technologies ²⁶	В
Distance or Geography	A
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Restrictions \mathbf{C} Eligible Providers В Physician-provided Services²⁷ Mental/behavioral Health В Services Rehabilitation F Home Health В В **Informed Consent** Telepresenter INNOVATIVE PAYMENT OR SERVICE DELIVERY **MODELS:** State-wide Network²⁸ Medicaid Managed Care²⁹ Medicare-Medicaid Dual Eligibles Health Home

HCBS Waiver Corrections

Other

Arizona's partial parity law was enacted in 2013. Coverage under private plans is much more prescriptive and applies to rural areas and only 7 health services.²³

Medicaid

- Arizona is a unique state with considerable and varying service coverage under its Medicaid FFS, managed care plans, and Indian Health Service.
- Service coverage is unique in that it includes echocardiography, retinal screening, medical nutrition therapy and patient education for diabetes and chronic kidney disease care.
- The eligible distant site provider and patient site varies according to the participating AHCCCS program.
- Does not cover for the use of RPM.

Innovation

AZ Telemedicine Program offers clinical, educational, and administrative services via telemedicine across the state.

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Telemedicine in Arkansas



Private Insurance Medicaid	PARITY:		
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	C		
State Employee Health Plan	F		
MEDICAID SERVICE			
COVERAGE & CONDITION	IS		
OF PAYMENT:			
Patient Setting	C F		
Eligible Technologies	F		
Distance or Geography	A		
Restrictions			
Eligible Providers	F		
Physician-provided	С		
Services ³⁰			
Mental/behavioral Health	В		
Services ³¹			
Rehabilitation	N/A		
Home Health	F		
Informed Consent	A C		
Telepresenter	С		
INNOVATIVE PAYMENT			
OR SERVICE DELIVERY			
MODELS:			
State-wide Network			
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Medicaid Managed Care			
Medicare-Medicaid Dual			
Medicare-Medicaid Dual Eligibles			
Medicare-Medicaid Dual Eligibles Health Home			
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Medicare-Medicaid Dual Eligibles Health Home			

DADITY.

 Arkansas's parity law was enacted in 2015 and includes telemedicine coverage for physician-provided services under private insurance, Medicaid, and state employee health plans. The law also includes technology restrictions and requires an in-person visit before a telemedicine encounter.

Medicaid

- Effective January 2016, the new parity law will affect payment for physician services.
- Currently telemedicine coverage under Medicaid is average with limits on service coverage, patient settings and eligible distant site providers.
- One of few states with coverage for fetal echography and echocardiography.
- Medicaid also places frequency limits on covered telemedicine services.
- Requires a telepresenter at the originating site.
- Coverage for interactive audio-video only.

Innovation

 Specialty maternal-fetal telemedicine network operated by University of Arkansas.

Telemedicine in California



PARITY:	
Private Insurance	A
Medicaid ³⁸⁻⁴⁰	В
State Employee Health Plan	A
MEDICAID SERVICE	
COVERAGE & CONDITION	IS
OF PAYMENT:	
Patient Setting	A
Eligible Technologies ⁴¹⁻⁴²	A C A
Distance or Geography	A
Restrictions	
Eligible Providers	С
Physician-provided Services	В
Mental/behavioral Health	В
Services ⁴³	
Rehabilitation	F
Home Health	F
Informed Consent	В
Telepresenter	A
INNOVATIVE PAYMENT	
OR SERVICE DELIVERY	
MODELS:	
State-wide Network ⁴⁴	/
Medicaid Managed Care	✓
Medicare-Medicaid Dual	
Eligibles	
Health Home	
HCBS Waiver	
Corrections	✓
Other	

• California's private insurance parity law was enacted in 1996.³⁴

Medicaid

- Coverage for interactive audio-video and store-and-forward for the purposes of dermatology, ophthalmology, and dentistry.
- Also recognizes OT, PT, speech language therapists, and audiologists as eligible providers of telemedicine but offers no billing details for rehabilitation services via telehealth.
- 2014 law allows verbal or written method of collection to satisfy patient informed consent requirements.

 Therefore, a telepresenter is no longer necessary to facilitate this requirement. 35-37

Innovation

California Telehealth Network supports broadband connections of many institutions state-wide.

Telemedicine in Colorado



PARITY:	
Private Insurance	A
Medicaid ⁴⁹⁻⁵⁰	В
State Employee Health Plan	A
MEDICAID SERVICE	
COVERAGE & CONDITION	S
OF PAYMENT:	
Patient Setting	A
Eligible Technologies	A C A
Distance or Geography	A
Restrictions	
Eligible Providers	C
Physician-provided Services	В
Mental/behavioral Health	В
Services	
Rehabilitation	В
Home Health	C
Informed Consent	F
Telepresenter	A
INNOVATIVE PAYMENT	
OR SERVICE DELIVERY	
MODELS:	
State-wide Network ⁵¹	/
Medicaid Managed Care ⁵²	>
Medicare-Medicaid Dual	
Eligibles	
Health Home	
HCBS Waiver	
Corrections	
Other	

• Colorado enacted a law to improve the existing parity law and remove the rural restrictions. Effective 2017, the state will have state-wide telehealth parity coverage for all private and state employee health plans in the state.⁴⁵

Medicaid

- CO Medicaid imposes restrictions on covered services and designates certain provider types to render the service.
- The program will pay certain facilities an originating site but that does not limit reimbursement to a distant site provider if a patient is located elsewhere.
- Coverage for interactive audio-video only for physician, mental/behavioral health services, and speech therapy services.
- Coverage only for RPM for chronic disease management under the home health benefit. 46-48
- Requires written informed consent.
- Rural and distance restrictions are applied under managed care plan.

Innovation

• Colorado Telehealth Network supports broadband connections of many institutions state-wide.

Telemedicine in Connecticut



Private Insurance	F	
Medicaid	F	
State Employee Health Plan	F	
MEDICAID SERVICE		
COVERAGE & CONDITIONS		
OF PAYMENT:		
Patient Setting	F	
Eligible Technologies	F	
Distance or Geography	F	
Restrictions		
Eligible Providers	F	
Physician-provided Services	F	
Mental/behavioral Health	F	
Services		
Rehabilitation	N/A	
Home Health	F	
Informed Consent	N/A	
Telepresenter	N/A	
INNOVATIVE PAYMENT		
OR SERVICE DELIVERY		
MODELS:		
State-wide Network		
Medicaid Managed Care		
Medicare-Medicaid Dual		
Eligibles		
Health Home		

HCBS Waiver Corrections

Other

PARITY:

• No telemedicine parity law despite numerous bills introduced in the 2015 to coverage telemedicine under private insurance.⁵³

Medicaid

- No coverage under Medicaid although the statute authorizes a telemedicine demonstration for beneficiaries located at FQHCs.⁵⁴
- The agency will not cover information or services provided to a client by a provider electronically or over the telephone.

Telemedicine in Delaware



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HCBS Waiver Corrections

Other

PARITY:

Bordered by MD which has private insurance parity law. Telemedicine parity bill introduced in 2015.

- Coverage for any services included in the SPA that would be provided in a face-to-face setting.⁵⁵
- Also includes coverage under schoolbased program.

Telemedicine in D.C.



PARITY:	
Private Insurance ⁵⁷	A
Medicaid ⁵⁸	A
State Employee Health Plan	A
MEDICAID SERVICE	
COVERAGE & CONDITIONS	
OF PAYMENT:	
Patient Setting	A
Eligible Technologies	F
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Distance or Geography Α Restrictions Eligible Providers A Physician-provided Services A Mental/behavioral Health Α Services Rehabilitation N/A Home Health \mathbf{C} **Informed Consent** A A Telepresenter INNOVATIVE PAYMENT OR SERVICE DELIVERY **MODELS:** State-wide Network Medicaid Managed Care 1 Medicare-Medicaid Dual Eligibles Health Home **HCBS** Waiver Corrections

Other

D.C. parity law was enacted in 2013 and requires coverage for telemedicine-provided services under private plans and Medicaid.

- The law requires Medicaid to cover and reimburse for services via telemedicine if they are covered inperson. However, provider manuals have not been updated to reflect the current law.
- No explicit coverage of store-andforward or remote patient monitoring.
- DC Medicaid will draft and publish rulemaking to further define appropriate billing conditions for telemedicine in summer 2015.

Telemedicine in Florida



PARITY:	
Private Insurance	F
Medicaid ⁵⁹	С
State Employee Health Plan	C F
MEDICAID SERVICE	
COVERAGE & CONDITIONS	
OF PAYMENT:	
Patient Setting	F
Eligible Technologies	F
Distance or Geography	A
Restrictions	
Eligible Providers	F
Physician-provided Services	В
Mental/behavioral Health	В
Services	
Rehabilitation	F
Home Health	F
Informed Consent	F
Telepresenter	С
INNOVATIVE PAYMENT	
OR SERVICE DELIVERY	
MODELS:	
State-wide Network	
Medicaid Managed Care	
Medicare-Medicaid Dual	
Eligibles	
Health Home	
HCBS Waiver	
Corrections	
Other	✓

Bordered by GA which has a private insurance parity law. No parity legislation introduced in 2015.

- Covers a limited number of services provided by physicians, NPs, and PAs.
- Originating patient sites are limited to hospitals and physician's office.
- Coverage for interactive audio-video only.
- Requires written informed consent and telepresenter.
- FL Medicaid has transitioned a majority of their beneficiaries to managed care. Therefore, providers have more flexibility to negotiate coverage for telehealth-provided services.

Telemedicine in Georgia



PARITY:	
Private Insurance	Α
Medicaid ⁶²	C
State Employee Health Plan	A
MEDICAID SERVICE	
COVERAGE & CONDITION	IS
OF PAYMENT:	
Patient Setting	C F
Eligible Technologies	F
Distance or Geography	Α
Restrictions	
Eligible Providers	F
Physician-provided Services	С
Mental/behavioral Health	В
Services	
Rehabilitation	N/A
Home Health	F
Informed Consent	F
Telepresenter	В
INNOVATIVE PAYMENT	
OR SERVICE DELIVERY	
MODELS:	
State-wide Network ⁶³	✓
Medicaid Managed Care	
Medicare-Medicaid Dual	✓
Eligibles	
Health Home	
HCBS Waiver	
Corrections	/
Other	
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 Georgia's parity law was enacted in 2006 which includes coverage under state-employee health plans.⁶⁰

Medicaid

- Medicaid imposes restrictions on the patient settings, covered services and designates eligible distant site providers and provider settings as a condition of payment.
- Includes school-based clinic as an originating site. ⁶¹
- Medicaid also places frequency limits on some covered telemedicine services.
- Coverage for interactive audio-video only.
- Requires written informed consent and provider on the premises.

Innovation

- Georgia Partnership for Telehealth creates and provides multi-point web access to new and existing telemedicine providers all over the state.
- The state will cover mental health services via telemedicine for dual eligible beneficiaries in SNFs.

Telemedicine in Hawaii



PARITY:	
Private Insurance ⁶⁴	A
Medicaid ⁶⁷	A F
State Employee Health Plan	В
MEDICAID SERVICE	
COVERAGE & CONDITION	IS
OF PAYMENT:	
Patient Setting	C
Eligible Technologies	F
Distance or Geography	С
Restrictions	
Eligible Providers	C
Physician-provided Services	В
Mental/behavioral Health	В
Services	
Rehabilitation	F
Home Health	F
Informed Consent	A
Telepresenter	A
INNOVATIVE PAYMENT	
OR SERVICE DELIVERY	
MODELS:	
State-wide Network	
Medicaid Managed Care	
Medicare-Medicaid Dual	
Eligibles	
Health Home	
HCBS Waiver	
Corrections	
Other	

- Hawaii's private insurance parity law was enacted in 1999. In 2014, the Governor approved legislation improving the existing parity law with requirements for payment parity and inclusion of other health care providers.⁶⁵
- HI self-funds some of their state employee health plan offerings but has fully insured HMO. The parity law applies to those plans offered under the HMO.⁶⁶

- Coverage for telemedicine under Medicaid is about average. The agency imposes restrictions on covered services and is limited to originating sites located in rural areas.
- Medicaid also places frequency limits on some covered telemedicine services.
- Coverage for interactive audio-video only.

Telemedicine in Idaho



PARITY:	
Private Insurance	F
Medicaid ⁶⁸⁻⁷⁰	F
State Employee Health Plan	F
MEDICAID SERVICE	
COVERAGE & CONDITION	IS
OF PAYMENT:	
Patient Setting	A
Eligible Technologies	A F C
Distance or Geography	С
Restrictions	
Eligible Providers	F
Physician-provided Services	В
Mental/behavioral Health	В
Services	
Rehabilitation	F
Home Health	F
Informed Consent	F
Telepresenter	A
INNOVATIVE PAYMENT	
OR SERVICE DELIVERY	
MODELS:	
State-wide Network	
Medicaid Managed Care	
Medicare-Medicaid Dual	
Eligibles	
Health Home	
HCBS Waiver	
Corrections	

Other

 Bordered by MT and OR which have private insurance parity laws. No telemedicine parity law and no history of proposed legislation within the past 2 years.

- Covers limited physician-provided mental and behavioral health services, as well as some services for children with developmental disabilities.
- Although no specific patient setting is specified, coverage is limited to patients located in rural areas or outside of a metropolitan statistical area.
- Coverage for interactive audio-video only.
- Requires written informed consent.

Telemedicine in Illinois



PARITY:	
Private Insurance	F
Medicaid ⁷⁵⁻⁷⁷	C
State Employee Health Plan	F
MEDICAID SERVICE	
COVERAGE & CONDITION	IS
OF PAYMENT:	
Patient Setting	F
Eligible Technologies	C A
Distance or Geography	A
Restrictions	
Eligible Providers	F
Physician-provided Services	В
Mental/behavioral Health	В
Services ⁷⁸	
Rehabilitation	F
Home Health	F
Informed Consent	A C
Telepresenter	C
INNOVATIVE PAYMENT	
OR SERVICE DELIVERY	
MODELS:	
State-wide Network	
Medicaid Managed Care	
Medicare-Medicaid Dual	
Eligibles	
Health Home	
HCBS Waiver	
Corrections	
Other	✓

- Bordered by KY and MO which have private insurance parity laws. No telemedicine parity law.
- In 2014, a law enacted that prohibits individual and group accident and health insurance plans, who choose to cover telemedicine, from requiring in-person contact. In 2015, SB 452 was introduced to achieve full parity, and HB 76 to include telehealth in the mental health parity law. 71-72

- The agency imposes restrictions on covered services, patient settings, and distant site providers but includes coverage for services provided by local education agencies (schools) and a podiatrist.
- Store-and-forward allowed for dermatologic purposes.
- Telepresenter required.
- IL Department of Aging is authorized to fund older adult services such as home telemedicine monitoring devices.⁷³
- In 2014, IL submitted a CMS §1115 waiver proposal which includes the development of a statewide specialty telemedicine network. The application is still pending.⁷⁴

Telemedicine in Indiana

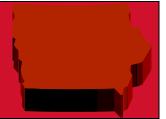


PARITY:	
Private Insurance	F
Medicaid ⁸²	В
State Employee Health Plan	F
MEDICAID SERVICE	
COVERAGE & CONDITIONS	
OF PAYMENT:	
Patient Setting	A
Eligible Technologies	A C B
Distance or Geography	В
Restrictions	
Eligible Providers	C
Physician-provided Services	В
Mental/behavioral Health	В
Services	
Rehabilitation	F
Home Health	F
Informed Consent	F
Telepresenter	A
INNOVATIVE PAYMENT	
OR SERVICE DELIVERY	
MODELS:	
State-wide Network	
Medicaid Managed Care	/
Medicare-Medicaid Dual	
Eligibles	
Health Home	
HCBS Waiver	
Corrections	
Other	

Bordered by KY which has a private insurance parity law. Telemedicine parity legislation HB 1451 and HB 1269 introduced in 2015.⁷⁹

- 2013 law expanded distant site providers to include, FQHC, RHC, CMHC, CAH, and home health agency. Rulemaking exempts only those facilities from the 20 mile distance restriction.⁸⁰
- Agency issued final regulations on "telehealth" coverage under the home health benefit including remote patient monitoring but will not extend telemedicine coverage under the benefit.⁸¹
- Requires at least 1 in-person followup by a physician.
- Coverage for interactive audio-video and RPM.
- Requires written informed consent.

Telemedicine in lowa



PARITY:	
Private Insurance	F
Medicaid	C
State Employee Health Plan	F
MEDICAID SERVICE	
COVERAGE & CONDITION	S
OF PAYMENT:	
Patient Setting	A
Eligible Technologies	F
Distance or Geography	В
Restrictions	
Eligible Providers	F
Physician-provided Services	F
Mental/behavioral Health	В
Services	
Rehabilitation	F
Home Health	F
Informed Consent	Α
Telepresenter	В
INNOVATIVE PAYMENT	
OR SERVICE DELIVERY	
MODELS:	
State-wide Network	
Medicaid Managed Care	
Medicare-Medicaid Dual	
Eligibles	
Health Home	/
HCBS Waiver	
Corrections	
Other	

Bordered by MO which has a private insurance parity law. In 2015, numerous bills were introduced to ensure telemedicine parity coverage for private insurance and Medicaid.⁸³

Medicaid

 IA Medicaid will cover some mental health services via telemedicine offered through their contracted plan.⁸⁴

Innovation

approved by CMS. IA will provide services to individuals with 2 chronic conditions including 24/7 access to the care team that includes but is not limited to a phone triage system with appropriate scheduling during/after regular business hours to avoid unnecessary ER visits and hospitalizations. Use of email, text messaging, patient portals and other technology as available to the practice to communicate with patients is encouraged.⁸⁵

Telemedicine in Kansas

PARITY:	
Private Insurance	F
Medicaid	В
State Employee Health Plan	F
MEDICAID SERVICE	
COVERAGE & CONDITION	IS
OF PAYMENT:	
Patient Setting	A
Eligible Technologies	A C A
Distance or Geography	A
Restrictions	
Eligible Providers	A
Physician-provided Services	A
Mental/behavioral Health	В
Services	
Rehabilitation	F
Home Health	В
Informed Consent	A
Telepresenter	A
INNOVATIVE PAYMENT	
OR SERVICE DELIVERY	
MODELS:	
State-wide Network	
Medicaid Managed Care	/
Medicare-Medicaid Dual	
Eligibles	
Health Home	
HCBS Waiver	/
Corrections	/
Other	

- Bordered by CO, MO, and OK which have private insurance parity laws.

 No telemedicine parity law.
- 2014 legislation introduced to provide parity coverage for telemental health⁸⁶ and telehealth-provided diagnosis and treatment for autism spectrum disorders.⁸⁷

Medicaid

 No coverage for therapies via telemedicine under home health benefit.

Innovation

 Coverage for RPM and medication management available through approved HCBS waiver.⁸⁸⁻⁸⁹

Telemedicine in Kentucky



PARITY:	
Private Insurance	A
Medicaid ⁹¹⁻⁹²	В
State Employee Health Plan	A
MEDICAID SERVICE	
COVERAGE & CONDITION	IS
OF PAYMENT:	
Patient Setting	A
Eligible Technologies	F A
Distance or Geography	A
Restrictions	
Eligible Providers	В
Physician-provided Services	В
Mental/behavioral Health	В
Services	
Rehabilitation ⁹³	A
Home Health	C F
Informed Consent	F
Telepresenter	A
INNOVATIVE PAYMENT	
OR SERVICE DELIVERY	
MODELS:	
State-wide Network	
Medicaid Managed Care ⁹⁴	✓
Medicare-Medicaid Dual	
Eligibles	
Health Home	
HCBS Waiver	
Corrections	/
Other	

Kentucky's private insurance parity law was enacted in 2000 and also includes coverage for state employee health plans.⁹⁰

- Independent rehabilitation specialists are not eligible for telemedicine reimbursement under Medicaid rules.
- Coverage for interactive audio-video only.
- Requires written informed consent.

Telemedicine in Louisiana



PARITY:	
Private Insurance	В
Medicaid ⁹⁹	В
State Employee Health Plan	В
MEDICAID SERVICE	
COVERAGE & CONDITIONS	
OF PAYMENT:	
Patient Setting	A
Eligible Technologies	A F
Distance or Geography	A
Restrictions	
Eligible Providers	A
Physician-provided Services	A A A
Mental/behavioral Health	A
Services	
Rehabilitation	N/A
Home Health	F
Informed Consent	В
Telepresenter	С
INNOVATIVE PAYMENT	
OR SERVICE DELIVERY	
MODELS:	
State-wide Network	
Medicaid Managed Care	
Medicare-Medicaid Dual	
Eligibles	
Health Home	
HCBS Waiver	
Corrections	/
Other	

- Louisiana's private insurance parity law was enacted in 1995. It is the only state with a parity law that specifies coverage of telemedicine when provided by physicians only.⁹⁵
- HB 903 was a legislative attempt to expand parity to include other health care providers under private insurance and Medicaid. 96

- 2013 letter from the Department of Health and Human Services indicated a need to change and clarify policies related to telemedicine including coverage for store-and-forward and RPM.⁹⁷
- Coverage for interactive audio-video only.
- LA Medical Board requires telepresenter and patient informed consent but does not specify method of collection.⁹⁸

Telemedicine in Maine



PARITY:	
Private Insurance	A
Medicaid ¹⁰²⁻¹⁰³	A A
State Employee Health Plan	A
MEDICAID SERVICE	
COVERAGE & CONDITIONS	
OF PAYMENT:	
Patient Setting	A
Eligible Technologies	C
Distance or Geography	A
Restrictions	
Eligible Providers	A
Physician-provided Services	A A A
Mental/behavioral Health	A
Services	
Rehabilitation	A
Home Health	В
Informed Consent	A
Telepresenter	A
INNOVATIVE PAYMENT	
OR SERVICE DELIVERY	
MODELS:	
State-wide Network ¹⁰⁴	✓
Medicaid Managed Care	
Medicare-Medicaid Dual	
Eligibles	
Health Home	/
HCBS Waiver	
Corrections	✓
Other	

Maine's parity law for Medicaid and private insurance was enacted in 2009 and also includes coverage for state employee health plans.¹⁰⁰

Medicaid

- No limits on patient setting, covered services, or eligible providers.
- Coverage for interactive audio-video as well as audio-only under certain circumstances.

Innovation

- Maine Telemedicine Services is an open and interoperable network that offers clinical, educational, and administrative services via telemedicine across the state.
 - Health home proposal was approved by CMS. Model includes support for care management/coordination activities. The health home practice and community care team will have the option of utilizing technology conferencing tools including audio, video and/or web deployed solutions to support care management/coordination activities.¹⁰¹

Telemedicine in Maryland



PARITY:	
Private Insurance	Α
Medicaid ¹⁰⁶	C
State Employee Health Plan	В
MEDICAID SERVICE	
COVERAGE & CONDITIONS	
OF PAYMENT:	
Patient Setting	С
Eligible Technologies	F
Distance or Geography	Α
Restrictions	
Eligible Providers	F
Physician-provided Services	В
Mental/behavioral Health	В
Services	
Rehabilitation	NT/A
Renadilitation	N/A
Home Health	F N/A
Home Health	F
Home Health Informed Consent	F A
Home Health Informed Consent Telepresenter	F A
Home Health Informed Consent Telepresenter INNOVATIVE PAYMENT	F A
Home Health Informed Consent Telepresenter INNOVATIVE PAYMENT OR SERVICE DELIVERY	F A
Home Health Informed Consent Telepresenter INNOVATIVE PAYMENT OR SERVICE DELIVERY MODELS:	F A
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Home Health Informed Consent Telepresenter INNOVATIVE PAYMENT OR SERVICE DELIVERY MODELS: State-wide Network Medicaid Managed Care	F A
Home Health Informed Consent Telepresenter INNOVATIVE PAYMENT OR SERVICE DELIVERY MODELS: State-wide Network Medicaid Managed Care Medicare-Medicaid Dual	F A
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Home Health Informed Consent Telepresenter INNOVATIVE PAYMENT OR SERVICE DELIVERY MODELS: State-wide Network Medicaid Managed Care Medicare-Medicaid Dual Eligibles Health Home	F A

- Maryland's private insurance parity law was enacted in 2012. 105
- The parity law also applies to the fully insured health plan offerings for Maryland's state employees.

- MD Medicaid issued new rules effective October 2014. Despite having statutory authority to cover and reimburse for all services appropriately provided via telemedicine the new rules place limits on allowable patient settings and types of providers who may render and get reimbursed for telemedicine.
- The state no longer has 2 distinct telemedicine programs for rural patients and stroke/cardiovascular services.
- Telemedicine must enable the patient "to see and interact" with the health care provider. The agency does not cover RPM or store-and-forward.
- Distant site and originating site providers must have formal agreements detailing their telemedicine service delivery plan.

Telemedicine in Massachusetts



PARITY:	
Private Insurance	F
Medicaid	В
State Employee Health Plan	F
MEDICAID SERVICE	
COVERAGE & CONDITIONS	
OF PAYMENT:	
Patient Setting	A
Eligible Technologies	C A
Distance or Geography	A
Restrictions	
Eligible Providers	A
Physician-provided Services	A
Mental/behavioral Health	В
Services	
Rehabilitation	F
Home Health	F
Informed Consent	A
Telepresenter	A
INNOVATIVE PAYMENT	
OR SERVICE DELIVERY	
MODELS:	
State-wide Network	✓
Medicaid Managed Care	~
Medicare-Medicaid Dual	
Eligibles	
Health Home	
HCBS Waiver	
Corrections	/
Other	

• MA is bordered by NH and VT which have private insurance parity laws. No telemedicine parity law despite a number of bills introduced in 2015 to achieve parity under private insurance, Medicaid and state employee plans.¹⁰⁷

Medicaid

- Offers coverage under select managed care plans but not under FFS. ¹⁰⁸⁻¹⁰⁹
- Authorized to cover remote monitoring for home health agencies.
 Rules are in development

Innovation

- Received grant to establish a National Sexual Assault TeleNursing Center that will use telemedicine technology to provide 24/7, 365 day remote expert consultation by 24-25 MA Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANEs) to clinicians caring for adult and adolescent sexual assault patients in remote and/or underserved regions of the United States. 110
- Partners Telestroke Network members receive 24-hour acute neurology/stroke expertise-on-demand.¹¹¹

Telemedicine in Michigan



PARITY:	
Private Insurance	С
Medicaid ¹¹⁴⁻¹¹⁵	C
State Employee Health Plan	F
MEDICAID SERVICE	
COVERAGE & CONDITIONS	
OF PAYMENT:	
Patient Setting	C F
Eligible Technologies	F
Distance or Geography	A
Restrictions	
Eligible Providers	A
Physician-provided Services	В
Mental/behavioral Health	В
Services	
Rehabilitation	F
Home Health	F
Informed Consent	A
Telepresenter	A
INNOVATIVE PAYMENT	
OR SERVICE DELIVERY	
MODELS:	
State-wide Network	
Medicaid Managed Care	>
Medicare-Medicaid Dual	
Eligibles	
Health Home	
HCBS Waiver	
Corrections	
Other	

Michigan's private insurance parity law was enacted in 2012. MI is 1 of 3 states that cover interactive audiovideo only as a condition of their parity law.¹¹²

- Coverage for interactive audio-video only.
- Eliminated distance requirements in 2013.
- Limits on covered services and patient settings, but the agency does not specify the types of practitioners who are eligible distant site providers.
- The agency has released a bulletin to establish policy regarding telepractice for speech-language and audiology services provided within the School Based Services (SBS) program effective July 1, 2015. 113

Telemedicine in Minnesota



PARITY:	
Private Insurance	F
Medicaid ¹²¹⁻¹²²	В
State Employee Health Plan	F
MEDICAID SERVICE	
COVERAGE & CONDITION	NS
OF PAYMENT:	
Patient Setting	A
Eligible Technologies	В
Distance or Geography	A
Restrictions	
Eligible Providers	F
Physician-provided	С
Services	
Mental/behavioral Health	С
Services	
Rehabilitation ¹²³	A
Home Health ¹²⁴	С
Informed Consent	Α
Telepresenter	В
INNOVATIVE PAYMENT	
OR SERVICE DELIVERY	
MODELS:	
State-wide Network	
Medicaid Managed Care	
Medicare-Medicaid Dual	
Eligibles	
Health Home	
HCBS Waiver	
Corrections	
Other	/

Minnesota introduced a number of bills in 2015 that would ensure telemedicine parity for private insurers and Medicaid. 116

Medicaid

- Coverage for interactive audio-video and store-and-forward.
- Distant site provider is limited to a specialty physician or oral surgeon and required to be located in a medical facility.
- Medicaid also places frequency limits on some covered telemedicine services.
- MN now covers OT, PT, and speechlanguage pathology.
- MN Medicaid will not cover teledentistry or telemedicine for alcohol and drug abuse services. The agency has implemented a pilot to improve access to treatment and recovery support for the latter service. 117-118
- Covers skilled nursing and cost of RPM equipment rental under home health benefit.
- Telepresenter required on premises.

Innovation

 Chemical Dependency Continuum of Care Pilot Project implemented in 2013. 119-120

Telemedicine in Mississippi



PARITY:	
Private Insurance	A
Medicaid	A
State Employee Health Plan	A
MEDICAID SERVICE	
COVERAGE & CONDITIONS	
OF PAYMENT:	
Patient Setting	C
Eligible Technologies	В
Distance or Geography	A
Restrictions	
Eligible Providers	A
Physician-provided	В
Services	
Mental/behavioral Health	В
Services	
Rehabilitation	N/A
Home Health	F
Informed Consent	В
Telepresenter	A
INNOVATIVE PAYMENT	
OR SERVICE DELIVERY	
MODELS:	
State-wide Network	
Medicaid Managed Care	
Medicare-Medicaid Dual	
Eligibles	
Health Home	
HCBS Waiver	
Corrections	✓
Other	

• Mississippi's parity law was enacted in 2013. The law requires parity for telemedicine under private insurance, state employee health plans, and public assistance. ¹²⁵ In 2014, lawmakers passed a law requiring insurance plans to cover and reimburse for services via store-andforward as well as remote patient monitoring for chronic disease management. ¹²⁶

- The law requires Medicaid to cover and reimburse for services via telemedicine including store-andforward and remote patient monitoring.
- CMS approved the agency's SPA to limit the originating site to a provider's office, outpatient hospitals, CAHs, RHCs, FQHCs, CMHCs, therapeutic group homes, IHS clinics, and school-based clinics.
- MS Medical Board requires unspecified method of obtaining patient's informed consent.¹²⁸

Telemedicine in Missouri



PARITY:	
Private Insurance	A
Medicaid ¹³²	C
State Employee Health	A
Plan ¹³³	
MEDICAID SERVICE	
COVERAGE & CONDITION	NS
OF PAYMENT:	
Patient Setting	C
Eligible Technologies	F
Distance or Geography	A
Restrictions	
Eligible Providers	F
Physician-provided	В
Services	
Mental/behavioral Health	В
Services ¹³⁴⁻¹³⁶	
Rehabilitation	F
Home Health	F
Informed Consent	F
Telepresenter	В
INNOVATIVE PAYMENT	
OR SERVICE DELIVERY	
MODELS:	
State-wide Network ¹³⁷	✓
Medicaid Managed Care	
Medicare-Medicaid Dual	
Eligibles	
Health Home	
HCBS Waiver	
Corrections	/
Other	

• MO's private insurance parity law was enacted in 2013 and included coverage for state employee health plans. 129

Medicaid

- Coverage for telemedicine under Medicaid is about average. The agency imposes restrictions on covered services and designates certain patient settings (excluding the home and school) and eligible distant site providers (physicians, advanced registered nurse practitioners, and psychologists as a condition of payment.
- Coverage for interactive audio-video only.
- Requires written informed consent and telepresenter on premises. 130
- A number of bills have been introduced in 2015 to expand telehealth coverage in schools, home, as well as home RPM and store-andforward.¹³¹

Innovation

Missouri Telehealth Network offers clinical, educational, emergency and disaster preparedness, and technical assistance via telemedicine across the state.

Telemedicine in Montana



PARITY:	
Private Insurance	A
Medicaid ¹³⁹	С
State Employee Health Plan	A
MEDICAID SERVICE	
COVERAGE & CONDITION	NS
OF PAYMENT:	
Patient Setting	A
Eligible Technologies	F A
Distance or Geography	A
Restrictions	
Eligible Providers	F
Physician-provided	В
Services	
Mental/behavioral Health	В
Services	
Rehabilitation	F
Home Health	F
Informed Consent	A
Telepresenter	Α
INNOVATIVE PAYMENT	
OR SERVICE DELIVERY	
MODELS:	
State-wide Network	
Medicaid Managed Care	/
Medicare-Medicaid Dual	
Eligibles	
Health Home	
HCBS Waiver	
Corrections	
Other	

MT's private insurance parity law was enacted in 2013 and includes coverage for state employee health plans. 138

- Coverage for telemedicine under Medicaid is about average. The agency imposes restrictions on covered services when provided by physicians only.
- Coverage for interactive audio-video only.

Telemedicine in Nebraska



PARITY:	
Private Insurance	F
Medicaid ¹⁴⁴⁻¹⁴⁵	В
State Employee Health Plan	F
MEDICAID SERVICE	
COVERAGE & CONDITION	NS
OF PAYMENT:	
Patient Setting	A
Eligible Technologies	В
Distance or Geography	A
Restrictions	
Eligible Providers	Α
Physician-provided	В
Services ¹⁴⁶	
Mental/behavioral Health	В
Services ¹⁴⁷	
Rehabilitation	A
Home Health	В
Informed Consent	F
Telepresenter	Α
INNOVATIVE PAYMENT	
OR SERVICE DELIVERY	
MODELS:	
State-wide Network ¹⁴⁸	~
Medicaid Managed Care	/
Medicare-Medicaid Dual	
Eligibles	
Health Home	
HCBS Waiver	
Corrections	
Other	

- Bordered by CO which has a parity law for private insurance.
- 2015 legislation introduced to highlight telemedicine providers in health plan provider directories but no parity legislation. 140
- Private insurance and state-employee plans require coverage of autism treatment via telemedicine.¹⁴¹

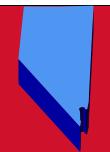
Medicaid

 New policies expand telehealth coverage to include store-andforward, RPM, home health services, OT, PT, speech and audiology, podiatry and optometric services.

Innovation

Nebraska Statewide Telehealth
 Network is a state-wide
 communications network that
 supports clinical, educational, and
 administrative services via
 telemedicine.

Telemedicine in Nevada



PARITY:		
Private Insurance	F	Bordered by AZ, CA and OR which
Medicaid ¹⁵¹	С	have parity laws. Legislation
State Employee Health Plan	F	introduced in 2015 to ensure
MEDICAID SERVICE		telemedicine parity under private
COVERAGE & CONDITION	NS	insurance and Medicaid. ¹⁴⁹
OF PAYMENT:		• Regulations were approved in 2014 to
Patient Setting	C	require coverage of telemedicine for
Eligible Technologies	F	injured employees as a condition of
Distance or Geography	Α	workers compensation. 150
Restrictions		
Eligible Providers	C	Medicaid
Physician-provided	C	Medicaid removed the rural only
Services		restriction and now covers
Mental/behavioral Health	В	telemedicine state-wide.
Services		• The program still imposes restrictions
Rehabilitation	F	on the patient setting, covered
Home Health	F	services and designates eligible
Informed Consent	Α	distant site providers as a condition of
Telepresenter	Α	payment.
INNOVATIVE PAYMENT		Medicaid also places frequency limits
OR SERVICE DELIVERY		on some covered telemedicine
MODELS:		services.
State-wide Network		Some telemedicine services require at
Medicaid Managed Care		least 1 in-person visit.
Medicare-Medicaid Dual		Coverage for interactive audio-video
Eligibles		only.
Health Home		Requires telepresenter on premises
HCBS Waiver		and unspecified method of obtaining
Corrections	✓	patient informed consent.
Other		

Telemedicine in **New Hampshire**



PARITY:	
Private Insurance	A
Medicaid	В
State Employee Health Plan	A
MEDICAID SERVICE	
COVERAGE & CONDITIONS	
OF PAYMENT:	
Patient Setting	Α
Eligible Technologies	F
Distance or Geography	Α
Restrictions	
Eligible Providers	Α
Physician-provided	Α

Mental/behavioral Health

INNOVATIVE PAYMENT OR SERVICE DELIVERY

Medicaid Managed Care

Medicare-Medicaid Dual

Services

Services

MODELS:

Eligibles Health Home **HCBS** Waiver Corrections

Other

Rehabilitation Home Health

Telepresenter

Informed Consent

State-wide Network

NH's parity law was enacted in 2009 and includes coverage under state employee health plans. 152

Medicaid

Α

F

F

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- Offers coverage under select managed care plans but not under FFS. 153-154
- Coverage for interactive audio-video
- telemedicine parity for all Medicaid managed care plans. 155

Telemedicine in New Jersey



PARITY:	
Private Insurance	F
Medicaid ¹⁵⁷	C F
State Employee Health Plan	F
MEDICAID SERVICE	
COVERAGE & CONDITIONS	
OF PAYMENT:	
Patient Setting	F
Eligible Technologies	F
Distance or Geography	A
Restrictions	
Eligible Providers	F
Physician-provided	В
Services	
Mental/behavioral Health	В
Services	
Rehabilitation	N/A
Home Health	F
Informed Consent	В
Telepresenter	В
INNOVATIVE PAYMENT	
OR SERVICE DELIVERY	
MODELS:	
State-wide Network	
Medicaid Managed Care	✓
Medicare-Medicaid Dual	
Eligibles	
Health Home	
HCBS Waiver	
Corrections	
Other	

No telemedicine parity law. 2015 legislation introduced to provide parity under private insurance, managed care plans and state employee plans. 156

- Authorized coverage of telemedicineprovided services for the first time in December 2013. Coverage offered under managed care plans but not FFS.
- Coverage for telepsychiatry only by psychiatrist or psychiatric advance nurse practitioner.
- Patient setting must be a mental health clinic or outpatient hospital.
- Coverage for interactive audio-video only.
- Medicaid requires telepresenter on premises and unspecified method of obtaining patient informed consent.

Telemedicine in New Mexico

PARITY:	
Private Insurance	A
Medicaid ¹⁶⁰	A
State Employee Health Plan	A
MEDICAID SERVICE	
COVERAGE & CONDITION	NS
OF PAYMENT:	
Patient Setting	A
Eligible Technologies	A C A
Distance or Geography	A
Restrictions	
Eligible Providers	A
Physician-provided	A
Services	
Mental/behavioral Health	A
Services ¹⁶¹	
Rehabilitation ¹⁶²	A
Home Health	В
Informed Consent	A
Telepresenter	A
INNOVATIVE PAYMENT	
OR SERVICE DELIVERY	
MODELS:	
State-wide Network ¹⁶³	✓
Medicaid Managed Care ¹⁶⁴⁻	/
165	
Medicare-Medicaid Dual	
Eligibles	
Health Home	
HCBS Waiver	
Corrections	/
Other	

NM's parity law was enacted in 2013. 158

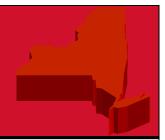
Medicaid

- True parity under NM Medicaid for FFS and managed care plans. All services are covered via telemedicine including school-based, dental, home health, hospice, and rehabilitation. 159
- 1 of 3 states with coverage for services provided by a behavioral analyst. These specialists are critical for the treatment of autism spectrum disorders.
- No limits on patient setting.
- No coverage for phone calls or remote patient monitoring.
- No coverage for skilled nursing, therapies, or RPM under home health benefit.

Innovation

 New Mexico Telehealth Alliance offers technical and program support to ensure coordinated services via telemedicine across the state.

Telemedicine in New York



PARITY:	
Private Insurance	В
Medicaid	В
State Employee Health Plan	В
MEDICAID SERVICE	
COVERAGE & CONDITION	NS
OF PAYMENT:	
Patient Setting	C
Eligible Technologies	B A
Distance or Geography	Α
Restrictions	
Eligible Providers	C B
Physician-provided	В
Services ¹⁷¹	
Mental/behavioral Health	В
Services	
Rehabilitation	В
Home Health	F
Informed Consent	A
Telepresenter	A
INNOVATIVE PAYMENT	
OR SERVICE DELIVERY	
MODELS:	
State-wide Network	
Medicaid Managed Care ¹⁷²	~
Medicare-Medicaid Dual	/
Eligibles	
Health Home	/
HCBS Waiver	
Corrections	
Other	

• New York parity law enacted in 2014 and amended in 2015. The law requires telehealth parity under private insurance, Medicaid, and state employee health plans. The law does restrict the patient setting as a condition of payment. 166-167

Medicaid

- The new law permits Medicaid to cover telehealth via interactive audio-video, store-and-forward, and home remote patient monitoring. 168
- Restrictions are placed on the patient settings and types of providers eligible to render the service and reimburse.
- Speech language pathologist and audiologist are covered under the new law.

Innovation

- CMS approved duals proposal includes coverage for telemedicine.¹⁶⁹
- cMS approved health home proposal gives provider the option to use technology conferencing tools including audio, video and/or web deployed solutions to support care management/coordination activities.¹⁷⁰

Telemedicine in North Carolina



PARITY:	
Private Insurance	F
Medicaid ¹⁷⁵	В
State Employee Health Plan	F
MEDICAID SERVICE	
COVERAGE & CONDITION	NS
OF PAYMENT:	
Patient Setting	C
Eligible Technologies	F
Distance or Geography	A
Restrictions	
Eligible Providers	F
Physician-provided	В
Services	
Mental/behavioral Health	В
Services	
Rehabilitation	N/A
Home Health	F
Informed Consent	A
Telepresenter	В
INNOVATIVE PAYMENT	
OR SERVICE DELIVERY	
MODELS:	
State-wide Network	/
Medicaid Managed Care	
Medicare-Medicaid Dual	
Eligibles	
Health Home	
HCBS Waiver	
Corrections	
Other	

Bordered by GA and VA which have private insurance parity laws. HB 723 introduced in 2015 would establish telehealth parity for all health insurers in the state.¹⁷³

Medicaid

- Medicaid imposes restrictions on the patient settings, covered services and designates eligible distant site providers as a condition of payment.
- Coverage for interactive audio-video only.
- Requires a provider to be on the premises with the patient.

Innovation

State-wide telepsychiatry network.¹⁷⁴

Telemedicine in North Dakota



PARITY:	
Private Insurance	F
Medicaid ¹⁷⁸	В
State Employee Health Plan	A
MEDICAID SERVICE	
COVERAGE & CONDITION	NS
OF PAYMENT:	
Patient Setting	F
Eligible Technologies	C A
Distance or Geography	A
Restrictions	
Eligible Providers	A
Physician-provided	В
Services	
Mental/behavioral Health	В
Services	
Rehabilitation	В
Home Health	F
Informed Consent	A C
Telepresenter	C
INNOVATIVE PAYMENT	
OR SERVICE DELIVERY	
MODELS:	
State-wide Network	
Medicaid Managed Care	
Medicare-Medicaid Dual	
Eligibles	
Health Home	
HCBS Waiver	
Corrections	
Other	

Bordered by MT which has a private insurance parity law. HB 1038 was enacted in 2015 to establish telemedicine parity for state employee health plans.¹⁷⁶

- Medicaid imposes restrictions on the patient settings and covered services as a condition of payment.
- Includes coverage for speech therapy.
- Coverage for interactive audio-video and RPM under the home health benefit. 1777
- Non-home health services require a telepresenter.

Telemedicine in Ohio



PARITY:	
Private Insurance	F
Medicaid	C
State Employee Health Plan	F
MEDICAID SERVICE	
COVERAGE & CONDITION	NS
OF PAYMENT:	
Patient Setting	C
Eligible Technologies	F
Distance or Geography	В
Restrictions	
Eligible Providers	C
Physician-provided	В
Services	
Mental/behavioral Health	В
Services ¹⁸³⁻¹⁸⁷	
Rehabilitation ¹⁸⁸	В
Home Health	F
Informed Consent	F
Telepresenter	A
INNOVATIVE PAYMENT	
OR SERVICE DELIVERY	
MODELS:	
State-wide Network	
Medicaid Managed Care	✓
Medicare-Medicaid Dual	
Eligibles	
Health Home	/
HCBS Waiver	
Corrections	~
Other	

• No telemedicine parity law. SB 32 introduced in 2015 to establish telehealth parity under private insurance and Medicaid. 179

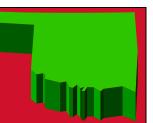
Medicaid

- New Medicaid regulations expand telemedicine coverage to include consultations by physicians and a limited selection of practitioners. The new rules also requires that the distant and originating site be at least 5 miles away. 180
- Coverage also includes school-based speech therapy, behavioral health counseling and therapy, mental health assessment, pharmacological management, and community psychiatric supportive treatment service via interactive audio-video only.¹⁸¹
- Medicaid allows beneficiaries to choose the patient location when telemedicine is used for some mental/behavioral health services.
- Requires written informed consent for mental and behavioral health services.

Innovation

CMS approved health home proposal allows service delivery via in-person, by telephone, or by video conferencing.¹⁸²

Telemedicine in Oklahoma

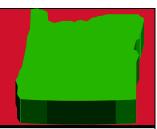


PARITY:	
Private Insurance	A
Medicaid ¹⁹⁰	С
State Employee Health Plan	F
MEDICAID SERVICE	
COVERAGE & CONDITION	NS
OF PAYMENT:	
Patient Setting	C
Eligible Technologies	C C
Distance or Geography	C
Restrictions	
Eligible Providers	C B
Physician-provided	В
Services	
Mental/behavioral Health	В
Services	
Rehabilitation	N/A
Home Health	F
Informed Consent	F
Telepresenter	C
INNOVATIVE PAYMENT	
OR SERVICE DELIVERY	
MODELS:	
State-wide Network	
Medicaid Managed Care	~
Medicare-Medicaid Dual	
Eligibles	
Health Home	
HCBS Waiver	
Corrections	V
Other	

 OK's private insurance parity law was enacted in 1997.¹⁸⁹

- Regulations have been proposed and are under review as of April 2015.
 The rules will remove the originating site and geography restrictions as well as expand coverage to include other services.
- Medicaid currently imposes restrictions on the patient settings, covered services and designates eligible distant site providers as a condition of payment.
- 1 of 3 states with coverage for services provided by a behavioral analyst. These specialists are critical for the treatment of autism spectrum disorders.
- Coverage is limited to originating sites located in rural areas.
- Coverage for interactive audio-video only.
- Medicaid requires written informed consent from patient before a telemedicine encounter and a telepresenter.

Telemedicine in Oregon



PARITY:	
Private Insurance	C
Medicaid ¹⁹³	В
State Employee Health Plan	F
MEDICAID SERVICE	
COVERAGE & CONDITION	NS
OF PAYMENT:	
Patient Setting	A
Eligible Technologies	В
Distance or Geography	A
Restrictions	
Eligible Providers	Α
Physician-provided	В
Services	
Mental/behavioral Health	В
Services	
Rehabilitation	F
Home Health	F
Informed Consent	A
Telepresenter	A
INNOVATIVE PAYMENT	
OR SERVICE DELIVERY	
MODELS:	
State-wide Network	
Medicaid Managed Care	
Medicare-Medicaid Dual	
Eligibles	
Health Home	
HCBS Waiver	
Corrections	
Other	

- Oregon's private insurance parity law was enacted in 2009. OR is 1 of 3 states that cover interactive audiovideo only as a condition of their parity law.
- 2015 legislation introduced to include telemedicine parity for self-insured state employee health plans and remove originating site restrictions. 192

- Medicaid imposes restrictions on the covered services.
- Allows coverage for interactive audio-video, telephone, and online/email consultations. Medicaid will also cover store-and-forward when used in lieu of video conferencing.

Telemedicine in Pennsylvania



PARITY:	
Private Insurance	F
Medicaid ¹⁹⁶	В
State Employee Health Plan	F
MEDICAID SERVICE	
COVERAGE & CONDITION	NS
OF PAYMENT:	
Patient Setting	A
Eligible Technologies	A C A
Distance or Geography	A
Restrictions	
Eligible Providers	F
Physician-provided	В
Services ¹⁹⁷	
Mental/behavioral Health	В
Services	
Rehabilitation	N/A
Home Health	C
Informed Consent	В
Telepresenter	C
INNOVATIVE PAYMENT	
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OR SERVICE DELIVERY	
OR SERVICE DELIVERY MODELS:	
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MODELS: State-wide Network	V
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MODELS: State-wide Network Medicaid Managed Care Medicare-Medicaid Dual Eligibles Health Home	<i>V</i>

Bordered by MD and NY which have private insurance parity laws. 2015 legislation introduced to establish telemedicine parity for private insurance. 194

- Medicaid imposes restrictions on the covered services and designates eligible distant site providers as a condition of payment.
- PA offers a number of telemedicine modalities in the home of qualified beneficiaries including sensors, medication management, and RPM under a CMS HCBS waiver.¹⁹⁵
- Coverage for interactive audio-video only for physician and mental health services.
- Requires written informed consent and a telepresenter.

Telemedicine in Rhode Island



PARITY:	
Private Insurance	F
Medicaid	F
State Employee Health Plan	F
MEDICAID SERVICE	
COVERAGE & CONDITION	NS
OF PAYMENT:	
Patient Setting	F
Eligible Technologies	F
Distance or Geography	F
Restrictions	
Eligible Providers	F
Physician-provided	F
Services	
Mental/behavioral Health	F
Services	
Rehabilitation	N/A
Home Health	F
Informed Consent	N/A
Telepresenter	N/A
INNOVATIVE PAYMENT	
OR SERVICE DELIVERY	
MODELS:	
State-wide Network	
Medicaid Managed Care	
Medicare-Medicaid Dual	
Eligibles	
Health Home	
HCBS Waiver	
Corrections	
Other	

- No telemedicine parity law despite a multi-year effort to introduce legislation regarding coverage under private insurance and Medicaid. 198
- No coverage for telemedicine under Medicaid plans.

Telemedicine in South Carolina



PARITY:	
Private Insurance	F
Medicaid ²⁰⁰	С
State Employee Health Plan	F
MEDICAID SERVICE	
COVERAGE & CONDITION	NS
OF PAYMENT:	
Patient Setting	C
Eligible Technologies	C C A
Distance or Geography	Α
Restrictions	
Eligible Providers	F
Physician-provided	В
Services	
Mental/behavioral Health	В
Services	
Rehabilitation	N/A
Home Health	F
Informed Consent	A C
Telepresenter	C
INNOVATIVE PAYMENT	
OR SERVICE DELIVERY	
MODELS:	
State-wide Network	✓
Medicaid Managed Care	
Medicare-Medicaid Dual	
Eligibles	
Health Home	
HCBS Waiver ²⁰¹	/
Corrections	
Other	/

Bordered by GA which has a parity law. No telemedicine parity legislation introduced in 2015.

Medicaid

- Medicaid imposes restrictions on the covered services, patient settings and designates eligible distant site providers as a condition of payment.
- Coverage for interactive audio-video only and RPM for chronic disease management in the home under their HCBS waiver.
- Medicaid requires a telepresenter for all audio-video related telemedicine encounters.

Innovation

- State-wide telepsychiatry network. 199
- OB/GYN Telemedicine demonstration project went into effect in July 2014. The project will leverage telemedicine to enhance access to obstetric and gynecological services for women in 4 rural counties.

Telemedicine in South Dakota



PARITY:	
Private Insurance	F
Medicaid ²⁰³	В
State Employee Health Plan	F
MEDICAID SERVICE	
COVERAGE & CONDITION	NS
OF PAYMENT:	
Patient Setting	C
Eligible Technologies ²⁰⁴⁻²⁰⁵	В
Distance or Geography	Α
Restrictions	
Eligible Providers	A
Physician-provided	В
Services	
Mental/behavioral Health	В
Services	
Rehabilitation	F
Home Health ²⁰⁶	F
Informed Consent	A
Telepresenter	A
INNOVATIVE PAYMENT	
OR SERVICE DELIVERY	
MODELS:	
State-wide Network	
Medicaid Managed Care	
Medicare-Medicaid Dual	
Eligibles	
Health Home	
HCBS Waiver	
Corrections	
Other	✓

Bordered by MT which has a parity law. No history of proposed legislation within the past 2 years.

Medicaid

- Coverage for telemedicine under Medicaid is above average. The agency imposes restrictions on the patient settings, covered services and designates eligible distant site providers as a condition of payment.
- SD Medicaid no longer includes phone calls and store-and-forward under its telemedicine definition.
 Coverage for interactive audio-video and RPM only.

Innovation

 Received grant from US Bureau of Justice Assistance to implement telehealth drug treatment program for nonviolent offenders.²⁰²

Telemedicine in Tennessee



PARITY:	
Private Insurance	A
Medicaid	В
State Employee Health Plan	A
MEDICAID SERVICE	
COVERAGE & CONDITION	NS
OF PAYMENT:	
Patient Setting	A
Eligible Technologies	A C A
Distance or Geography	A
Restrictions	
Eligible Providers	A
Physician-provided	A
Services	
Mental/behavioral Health	A
Services	
Rehabilitation	A
Home Health	B A A
Informed Consent	A
Telepresenter	A
INNOVATIVE PAYMENT	
OR SERVICE DELIVERY	
MODELS:	
State-wide Network	
Medicaid Managed Care	✓
Medicare-Medicaid Dual	
Eligibles	
Health Home	
HCBS Waiver	
Corrections	/
Other	

DADITY.

TN parity law enacted in 2014 which includes telemedicine coverage for Medicaid, including managed care plans, and state employee health plans.²⁰⁷

- Parity law goes into effect 2015. It does not specify patient settings but does include telemedicine when provided to schools and the home under the home health benefit. Most of the state's Medicaid program operates under managed care.
- Home health does not include coverage for RPM under new parity law.
- Coverage for interactive audio-video and store-and-forward.

Telemedicine in Texas



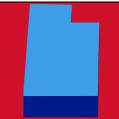
PARITY:	
Private Insurance	A
Medicaid ²⁰⁹	В
State Employee Health Plan	A
MEDICAID SERVICE	
COVERAGE & CONDITION	NS
OF PAYMENT:	
Patient Setting	A
Eligible Technologies	В
Distance or Geography	A
Restrictions	
Eligible Providers	C
Physician-provided	В
Services	
Mental/behavioral Health	В
Services	
Rehabilitation	F
Home Health ²¹⁰	F
Informed Consent	В
Telepresenter	C
INNOVATIVE PAYMENT	
OR SERVICE DELIVERY	
MODELS:	
State-wide Network	
Medicaid Managed Care	
Medicare-Medicaid Dual	
Eligibles	
Health Home	
HCBS Waiver	
Corrections	✓
Other	

• TX private insurance parity law enacted in 1997 and also includes coverage for state employee health plans.²⁰⁸

Medicaid

- Two distinct definitions of telemedicine vs. telehealth.
- Originating site includes established medical health site and state mental health facility, which excludes the home.
- Patients must receive an in-person evaluation for the same diagnosis or condition being rendered via telemedicine. Patients with mental health diagnoses or conditions are exempt from this requirement if the purpose of telemedicine is to screen and refer for additional services. In order to continue receiving telemedicine services, the patient must have an in-person evaluation at least once within the 12 months before receiving telemedicine.
- Coverage for interactive audio-video only and RPM for home health agencies and hospitals. Set to expire September 2015.
- Requires written informed consent and a telepresenter during the telemedicine encounter.

Telemedicine in Utah



PAKITY:	
Private Insurance	F
Medicaid ²¹⁴	С
State Employee Health Plan	F
MEDICAID CEDVICE	

MEDICAID SERVICE COVERAGE & CONDITIONS OF PAYMENT:

Patient Setting	A
Eligible Technologies	F
Distance or Geography	A
Restrictions	
Eligible Providers	F
Physician-provided	A
Services	
Mental/behavioral Health	В
Services ²¹⁵	
Rehabilitation	F
Home Health	C
Informed Consent	A
Telepresenter	A
INNOVATIVE PAYMENT	
OR SERVICE DELIVERY	
MODELS:	
State-wide Network	~
Medicaid Managed Care	
Medicare-Medicaid Dual	
Eligibles	
Health Home	
HCBS Waiver	
Corrections	
Other	

Bordered by AZ and CO which have parity laws for private insurance. UT has no history of proposed parity legislation within the past 2 years.

Medicaid

- Medicaid issued a notice clarifying CMS guidance on telemedicine coverage. UT will cover physician and NP services delivered via telemedicine. However non-medical mental and behavioral health providers are not included in this coverage.
- No restrictions imposed on patient or provider settings.
- Coverage for skilled nursing services and medication management under the skilled nursing home telemedicine pilot.²¹¹⁻²¹²
- Coverage for interactive audio-video only.

Innovation

 Utah Telehealth Network offers clinical, educational, and administrative services via telemedicine across the state.²¹³

Telemedicine in Vermont



PARITY:	
Private Insurance	С
Medicaid ²¹⁷	В
State Employee Health Plan	A
MEDICAID SERVICE	
COVERAGE & CONDITION	NS
OF PAYMENT:	
Patient Setting	C
Eligible Technologies	C C A
Distance or Geography	A
Restrictions	
Eligible Providers	A
Physician-provided	В
Services	
Mental/behavioral Health	В
Services	
Rehabilitation	F
Home Health	F
Informed Consent	A
Telepresenter	A
INNOVATIVE PAYMENT	
OR SERVICE DELIVERY	
MODELS:	
State-wide Network	
Medicaid Managed Care	
Medicare-Medicaid Dual	
Eligibles	
Health Home	
HCBS Waiver	
Corrections	✓
Other	

- VT's parity law was enacted in 2012. It includes telemedicine coverage for state employee health plans.²¹⁶
- VT is 1 of 3 states that cover interactive audio-video only as a condition of their parity law.
- Although the law does not require coverage of services via store-andforward, it does require informed consent from any patient receiving teledermatology and teleophthalmology via store-andforward.
- The parity law also limits telemedicine coverage to services provided in health care facilities only.

Medicaid

- Medicaid designates certain patient settings as originating sites when using interactive audio-video (excluding the home and school).
- Coverage for interactive audio-video and home RPM.

Telemedicine in Virginia



PARITY:	
Private Insurance ²¹⁸	A
Medicaid ²²⁴	В
State Employee Health Plan	A
MEDICAID SERVICE	
COVERAGE & CONDITION	NS
OF PAYMENT:	
Patient Setting	C
Eligible Technologies	C C A
Distance or Geography	Α
Restrictions	
Eligible Providers	C
Physician-provided	В
Services ²²⁵⁻²²⁶	
Mental/behavioral Health	В
Services	
Rehabilitation	В
Home Health	F
Informed Consent	A
Telepresenter	A
INNOVATIVE PAYMENT	
OR SERVICE DELIVERY	
MODELS:	
State-wide Network ²²⁷	✓
Medicaid Managed Care ²²⁸	<i>'</i>
Medicare-Medicaid Dual	✓
Eligibles ²²⁹	
Health Home	
HCBS Waiver	
Corrections ²³⁰	✓
Other	

VA's parity law was enacted in 2010 and includes coverage for telemedicine under state employee health plans as well.²¹⁹

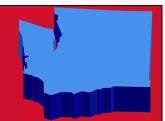
Medicaid

- Coverage for telemedicine under Medicaid extends to managed care plans as well. The agency imposes restrictions on the patient setting.
- Medicaid restrictions on covered services and designates eligible distant site providers as a condition of payment. However Virginia is 1 of 3 states that includes specific coverage of obstetric and gynecological services including ultrasounds.²²⁰
- Covers speech-language therapy under its school-based program. 221-223
- Coverage for interactive audio-video and store-an-forward for diabetic retinopathy and dermatological services.

Innovation

 CMS approved VA plan to waive Medicare telemedicine statutory restrictions (1834m) for dual eligible population.

Telemedicine in Washington



PARITY:	
Private Insurance	С
Medicaid ²³⁵	В
State Employee Health Plan	C
MEDICAID SERVICE	
COVERAGE & CONDITION	NS
OF PAYMENT:	
Patient Setting	C
Eligible Technologies	C C A
Distance or Geography	Α
Restrictions	
Eligible Providers	C
Physician-provided	В
Services	
Mental/behavioral Health	В
Services	
Rehabilitation	F
Home Health ²³⁶	С
Informed Consent	F
Telepresenter	A
INNOVATIVE PAYMENT	
OR SERVICE DELIVERY	
MODELS:	
State-wide Network	
Medicaid Managed Care	/
Medicare-Medicaid Dual	
Eligibles	
Health Home	
HCBS Waiver	
Corrections	
Other	

• Washington's parity law was enacted in 2015 and provides coverage for all essential health benefits offered by private insurance, state employee health plans, and Medicaid managed care.²³¹

Medicaid

- The new parity law which goes into effect 2017 will impact Medicaid managed care and not FFS plan offerings.
- New SPA approved by CMS adds the home and school to list of eligible originating sites. It also expands the list of providers who may render services including dentists and a number of mental and behavioral health providers. The Medicaid program manual has not been updated to reflect this emergency rulemaking.²³²
- Medicaid restrictions on covered services and designates eligible distant site providers as a condition of payment. However Washington is 1 of 3 states that covers services provided by behavioral analysts which are critical to the treatment of autism spectrum disorders. The regulations were amended earlier this year to allow this expansion.²³³
- Coverage for interactive audio-video as and RPM under the home health benefit.²³⁴
- Written informed consent required.

Telemedicine in West Virginia



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COVERAGE & CONDITIONS	
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OR SERVICE DELIVERY
MODELS:

State-wide Network

Medicaid Managed Care²⁴⁰

Medicare-Medicaid Dual
Eligibles

Health Home

HCBS Waiver

Corrections

Other

Telepresenter

INNOVATIVE PAYMENT

 WV is bordered by 2 states with private insurance parity laws: Kentucky and Virginia. No parity legislation introduced in 2015.

Medicaid

- Coverage is limited to originating sites located in non-metropolitan professional shortage areas for services listed under the physician benefit. This restriction does not apply to telemedicine services provided under the mental and behavioral health benefit. In fact WV Medicaid encourages providers to use telemedicine to enhance access to mental and behavioral health services.
- Coverage for interactive audio-video only.
- Managed care plan covers weight management services including preventative medicine counseling and individual and group exercise classes with nutritional counseling. Only state to allow exercise physiologists and certified trainers as eligible distant site providers.
- Requires telepresenter on patient site premises and unspecified form of consent only for behavioral health services.

В

Telemedicine in Wisconsin



PARITY:	
Private Insurance	F
Medicaid ²⁴¹	В
State Employee Health Plan	F
MEDICAID SERVICE	
COVERAGE & CONDITION	NS
OF PAYMENT:	
Patient Setting	A
Eligible Technologies	F
Distance or Geography	A
Restrictions	
Eligible Providers	F
Physician-provided	В
Services	
Mental/behavioral Health	В
Services	
Rehabilitation	F
Home Health	F
Informed Consent	В
Telepresenter	A
INNOVATIVE PAYMENT	
OR SERVICE DELIVERY	
MODELS:	
State-wide Network	
Medicaid Managed Care	✓
Medicare-Medicaid Dual	
Eligibles	
Health Home	
HCBS Waiver	
Corrections	
Other	

No telemedicine parity law and no history of proposed legislation within the past 2 years.

Medicaid

- Coverage for telemedicine under Medicaid is above average which includes coverage under the managed care plan. The agency imposes no restrictions on the patient setting or originating site and defers to the universal place of service (POS) used by most payors. This list includes the home and schools.
- Medicaid restrictions on covered services and designates eligible distant site providers as a condition of payment.
- Medicaid requires informed consent from the patient but does not specify how the consent should be obtained.
- Coverage for interactive audio-video only.

Telemedicine in Wyoming

PARITY:	
Private Insurance	F
Medicaid ²⁴²	С
State Employee Health Plan	F
MEDICAID SERVICE	
COVERAGE & CONDITIONS	

COVERAGE & CONDITION OF PAYMENT:	NS
Patient Setting	С
Eligible Technologies	F
Distance or Geography	A
Restrictions	
Eligible Providers	C
Physician-provided	В
Services	
Mental/behavioral Health	В
Services	
Rehabilitation	В
Home Health	F
Informed Consent	Α
Telepresenter	A
INNOVATIVE PAYMENT	
OR SERVICE DELIVERY	
MODELS:	
State-wide Network ²⁴³	/
Medicaid Managed Care	N/A
Medicare-Medicaid Dual	
Eligibles	
Health Home	
HCBS Waiver	
Corrections	
Other	

No telemedicine parity law and no history of proposed legislation within the past 2 years.

Medicaid

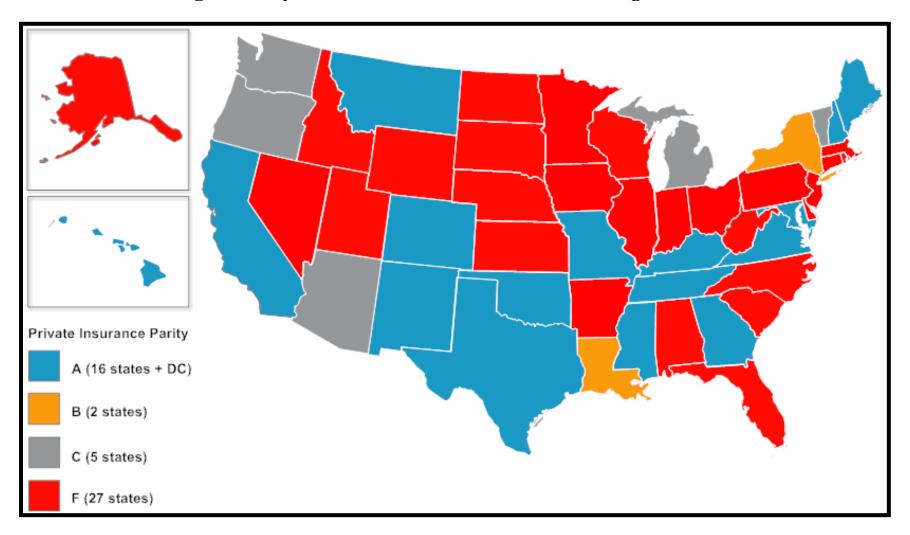
- Coverage for telemedicine under Medicaid is about average. The agency imposes restrictions on covered services and designates certain patient settings (excluding the home and school) and eligible distant site providers as a condition of payment.
- One of few states with coverage for services provided by substance abuse/addiction specialist.
- Covers nutrition patient education and speech therapy.
- Coverage for interactive audio-video only.
- No coverage for telemedicine under the home health benefit.

Innovation

 Wyoming Telehealth Consortium offers provider registry and informational resources to assist providers in adopting telemedicine.

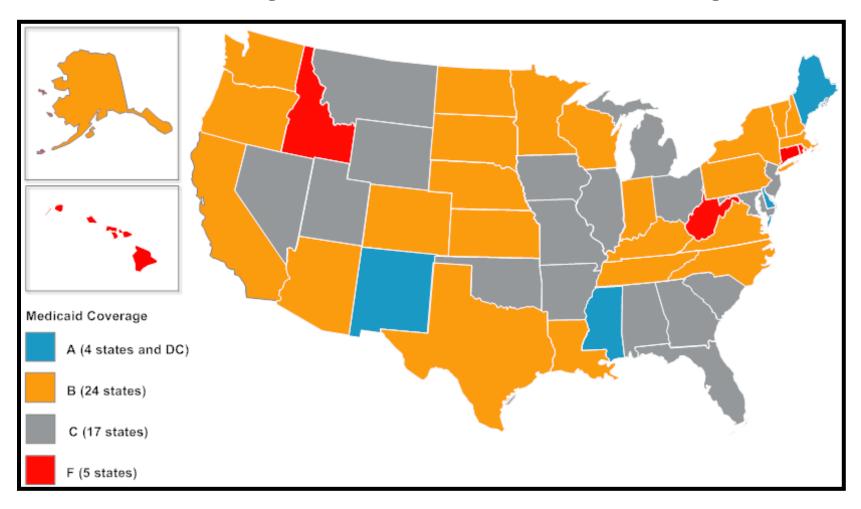
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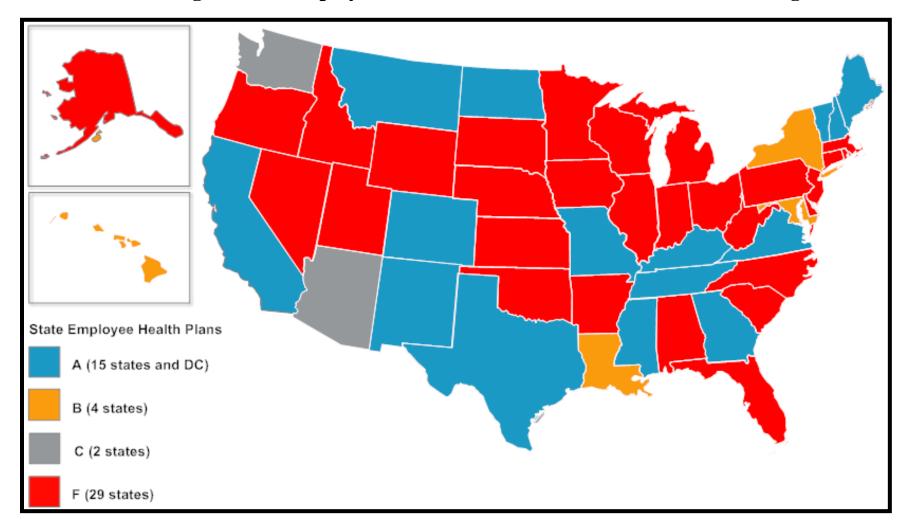
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State Ratings – Medicaid Policies for Telemedicine Coverage



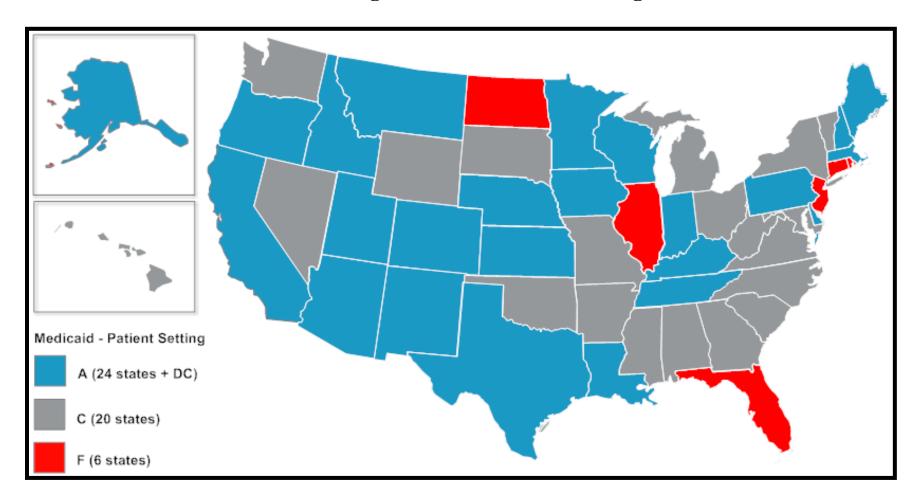
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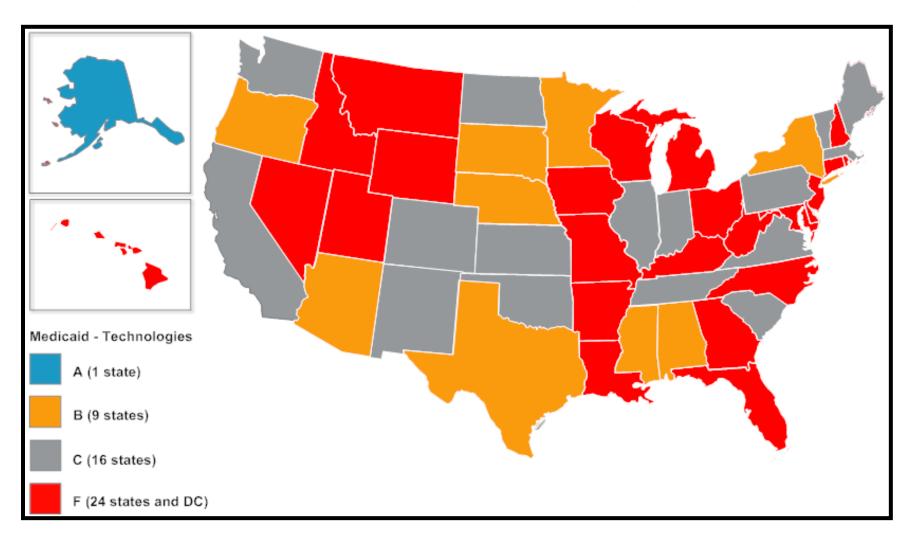
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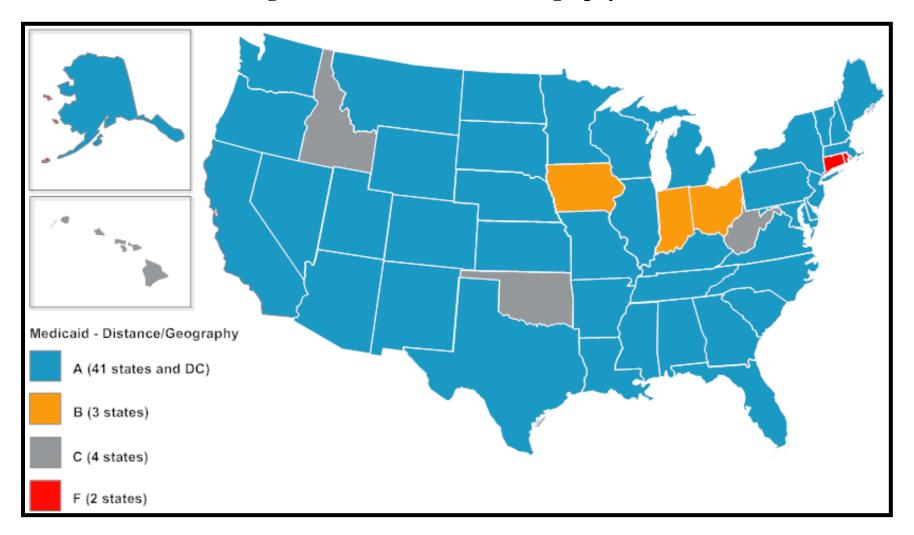
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State Ratings – Medicaid Eligible Technologies



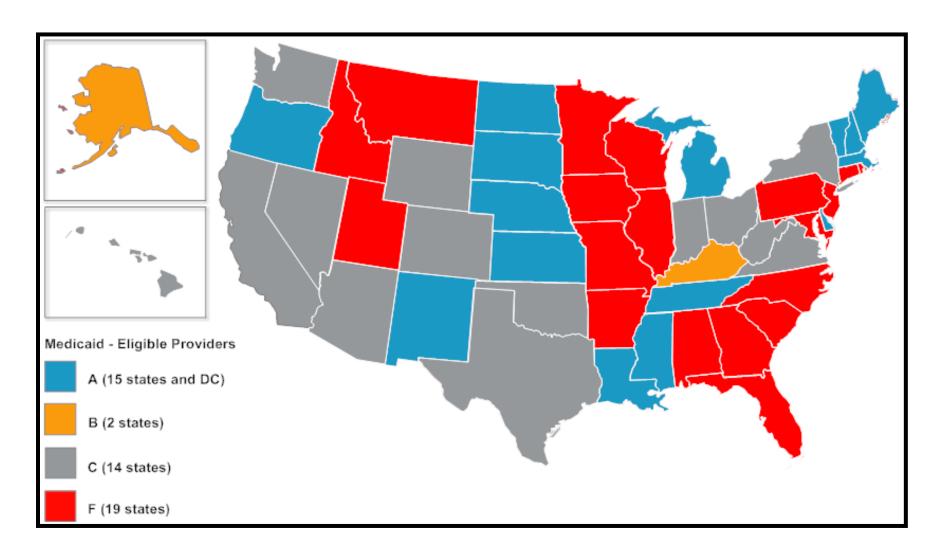
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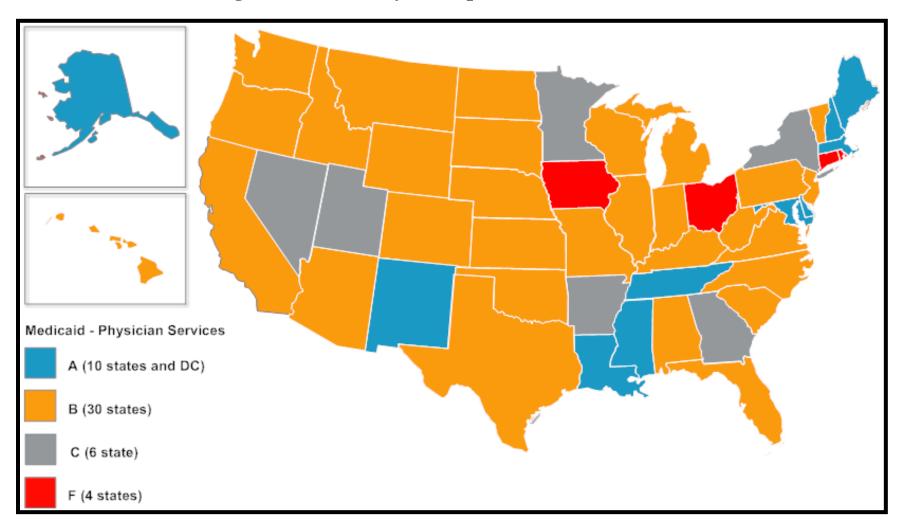
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State Ratings – Medicaid Eligible Providers



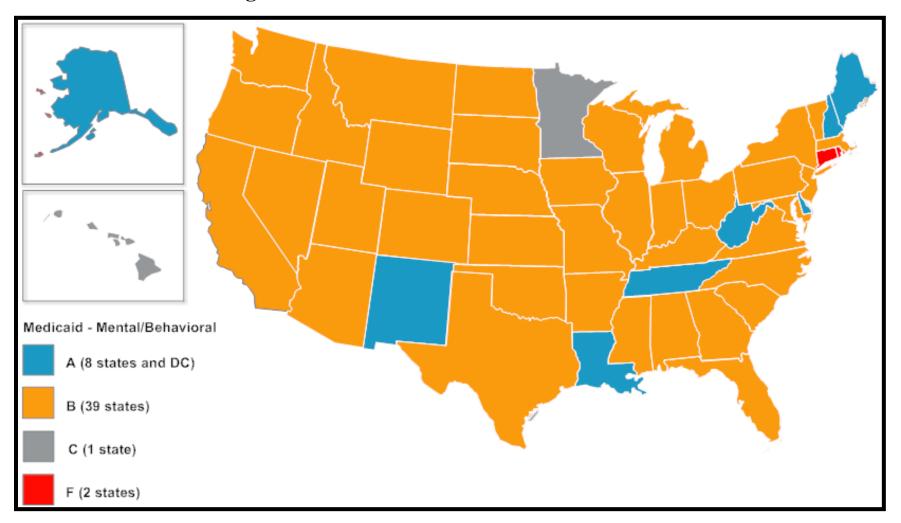
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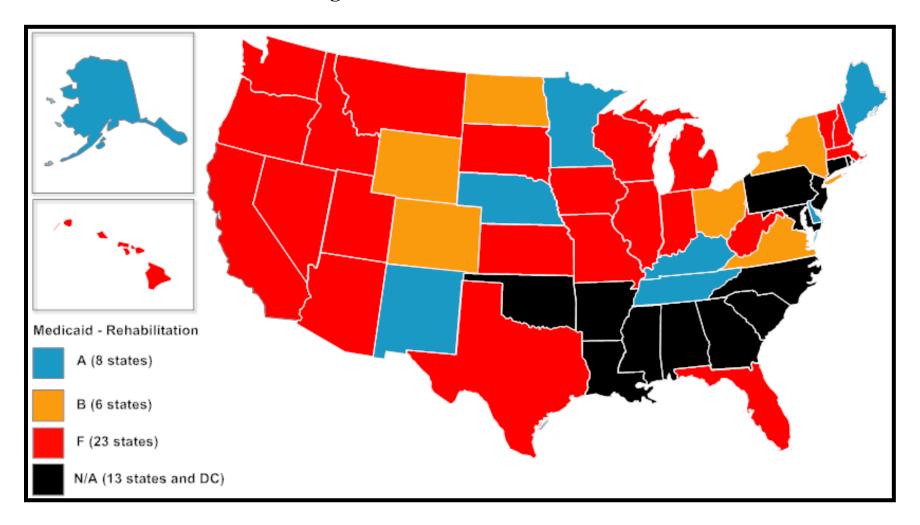
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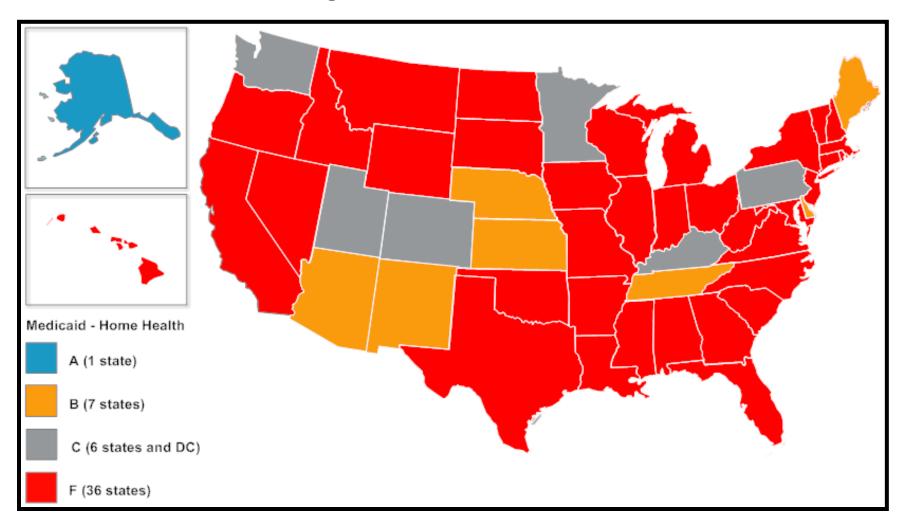
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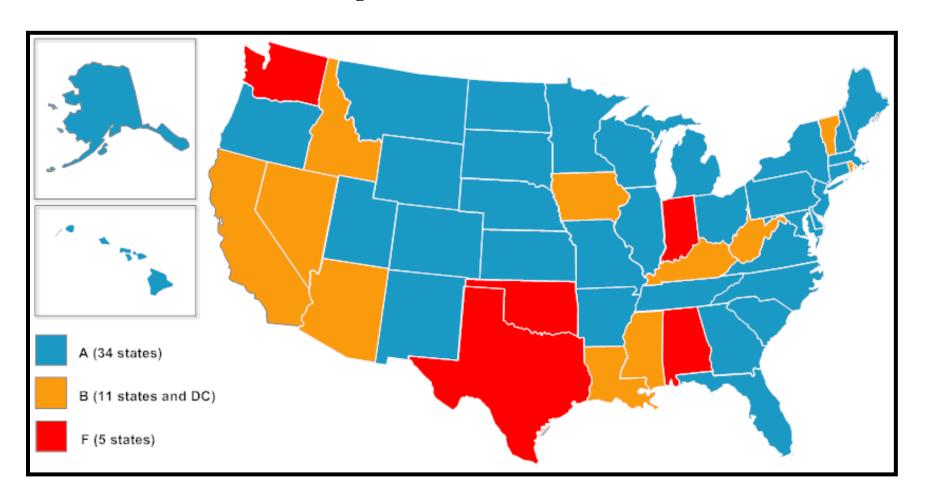
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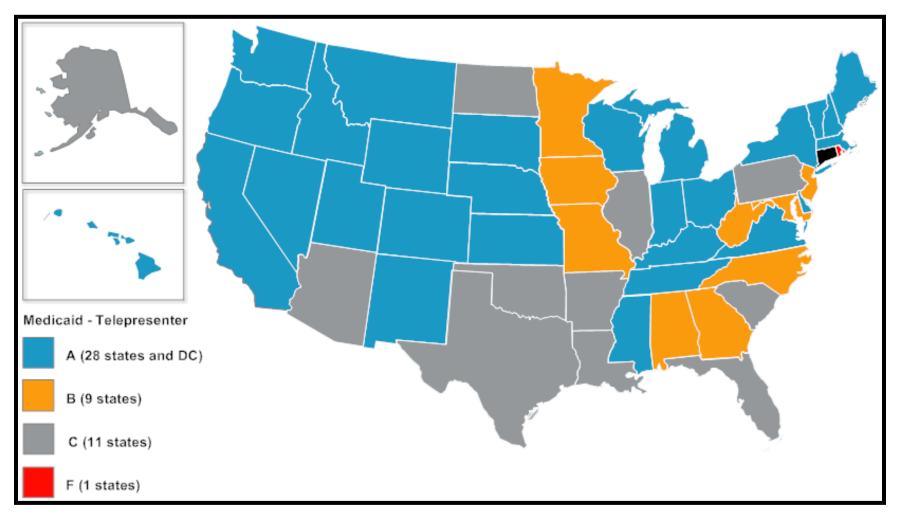
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