

Connecticut

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STATE LAW/REGULATIONS	MEDICAID PROGRAM
Definition of telemedicine/telehealth	
<p>"Telemedicine means the use of interactive audio, interactive video or interactive data communication in the delivery of medical advice, diagnosis, care or treatment...Telemedicine does not include the use of facsimile or audio-only telephone."</p> <p><i>Source: CT General Statutes 17b-245c.</i></p> <p><u>Recently Passed Legislation (Effective Jan. 1, 2016)</u> "Telehealth" means the mode of delivering health care or other health services via information and communication technologies to facilitate the diagnosis, consultation and treatment, education, care management and self-management of a patient's physical and mental health, and includes (A) interaction between the patient at the originating site and the telehealth provider at a distant site, and (B) synchronous interactions, asynchronous store and forward transfers or remote patient monitoring. Telehealth does not include the use of facsimile, audio-only telephone, texting or electronic mail." See private payers section.</p> <p><i>Source: CT Public Act No. 15-88 (2015); SB 467.</i></p>	<p>No reference found.</p>
Live Video Reimbursement	
<p><u>Recently Passed Legislation (Effective Jan. 1, 2016)</u> Reimbursement for services provided via live video.</p> <p><i>Source: CT Public Act No. 15-88 (2015); SB 467.</i></p>	<p>Connecticut's Medical Assistance Program will not pay for information or services provided to a client by a provider electronically or over the telephone.</p> <p><i>Source: CT Provider Manual. Physicians and Psychiatrists. Sec. 17b-262-342. Pg. 9, Aug, 2013 and CT Provider Manual. Psychologists. Sec. 17b-262-472. Pg. 7. (Accessed Jul. 2015).</i></p> <p>Exception:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case management behavioral health services for clients age eighteen and under. <p><i>Source: CT Provider Manual. Behavioral Health. Sec. 17b-262-</i></p>

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	918. Feb. 1, 2013. Pg. 6. (Accessed Jul. 2015).
Store and Forward Reimbursement	
<p><u>Recently Passed Legislation (Effective Jan. 1, 2016)</u> Reimbursement for services provided via store-and-forward. See private payers section.</p> <p><i>Source: CT Public Act No. 15-88 (2015); SB 467.</i></p>	No reference found.
Remote Patient Monitoring Reimbursement	
No reference found.	No reference found.
Email/Phone/FAX	
<p>There is no reimbursement for telephone or FAX.</p> <p><i>Source: CT General Statutes 17b-245c & CT Public Act No. 15-88 (2015); SB 467.</i></p>	<p>The department shall not pay for information or services provided to a client over the telephone.</p> <p><i>Source: CT Provider Manual. Clinic. Sec. 17b-262-823. Ch. 8, pg. 20. (Accessed Jul. 2015).</i></p>
Online Prescribing	
<p><u>Recently Passed Legislation (Effective Oct. 1, 2015)</u> No telehealth provider shall prescribe schedule I, II or III controlled substances through the use of telehealth.</p> <p><i>Source: CT Public Act No. 15-88 (2015); SB 467.</i></p>	No reference found.
Consent	
<p><u>Recently Passed Legislation (Effective Oct. 1, 2015)</u> At the time of the telehealth interaction, the provider shall provide information to the patient treatment information, limitations of the telehealth platform, and obtain consent from the patient to provide telehealth services and disclose to the patient's primary care provider records of the telehealth interaction.</p> <p><i>Source: CT Public Act No. 15-88 (2015); SB 467.</i></p>	No reference found.
Location	
No reference found.	No reference found.
Cross-State Licensing	
<p>Department of Public Health may establish a process of accepting an applicant's license from another state and may issue that applicant a license to practice medicine in the state without examination, if certain conditions are met.</p> <p><i>Source: CT General Statutes Sec. 20-12 (2012).</i></p>	No reference found.
Private Payers	
<p><u>Recently Passed Legislation (Effective Jan. 1, 2016)</u> Each individual health insurance policy and group health insurance policy providing coverage of the type specified in subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (11) and (12) of section 38a-</p>	No reference found.

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<p>469 shall provide coverage for treatment provided via telehealth if that it was covered if provided in-person and shall be subject to the same terms and conditions of the policy.</p> <p><i>Source: CT Public Act No. 15-88 (2015); SB 467.</i></p>	
Site/Transmission Fee	
<p><u>Recently Passed Legislation (Effective Oct. 1, 2015)</u> No telehealth provider can charge a facility fee.</p> <p><i>Source: CT Public Act No. 15-88 (2015); SB 467.</i></p>	No reference found.
Miscellaneous	

Comments: In 2012, a new law allowed the Commissioner of Social Services to establish a demonstration project to offer telemedicine as a Medicaid-covered service at Federally Qualified Health Centers. The Commission is considering design options for a pilot.

Source: CT General Statutes 17b-245c.