

Iowa

Medicaid Program: Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

Program Administrator: IA Dept. of Human Services

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Definition of telemedicine/telehealth	
<p>“Telemedicine means use of a telecommunications system for diagnostic, clinical, consultative, data, and educational services for the delivery of health care services or related health care activities by licensed health care professionals, licensed medical professionals, and staff who function under the direction of a physician, a licensed health care professional, or hospital, for the purpose of developing a comprehensive, statewide telemedicine network or education.”</p> <p><i>Source: IA Admin. Code, 751 7.1(8D) (2012).</i></p>	No reference found.
Live Video Reimbursement	
<p><u>Recently Passed Legislation</u> Department of Human Services is required to adopt rules to provide telehealth coverage under Medicaid. Such rules must provide that in-person contact between a health care professional and a patient is not required as a prerequisite for payment.</p> <p><i>Source: IA Senate File 505 (2015).</i></p>	No reference found.
Store and Forward Reimbursement	
No reference found.	No reference found.
Remote Patient Monitoring Reimbursement	
No reference found.	No reference found.
Email/Phone/FAX	
No reference found.	No reference found.
Online Prescribing	
Pharmacists are prohibited from dispensing prescription drugs if the pharmacist knows or should have known that the prescription was issued solely on the basis of	No reference found.

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<p>an Internet-based questionnaire, an Internet-based consult, or a telephone consult, and was completed without a pre-existing patient-provider relationship.</p> <p><i>Source: IA Admin. Code, 657 8.19(124,126,155A) (2012).</i></p> <p>A physician must be physically present with a woman at the time an abortion-inducing drug is provided.</p> <p><i>Source: IA Admin. Code, 653 13.10.</i></p>	
Consent	
No reference found.	No reference found.
Location	
No reference found.	No reference found.
Cross-State Licensing	
<p><u>Recently Passed Legislation</u> Iowa adopted the Federation of State Medical Board (FSMB)'s model language for an interstate medical licensure compact.</p> <p><i>Source: IA Senate File 510 (2015).</i></p>	No reference found.
Private Payers	
No reference found.	No reference found.
Site/Transmission Fee	
No reference found.	No reference found.
Miscellaneous	
	<p>Iowa contracts with Magellan Health Services to manage the Iowa Plan for Behavioral Health. The delivery of psychiatric evaluation and medication management via webcam/video/audio to Iowa Plan Medicaid members is available through the Iowa Plan.</p> <p>Members must consent to using telehealth.</p> <p>Members must have an in-person intake at the provider's location, where the option of telehealth is discussed.</p> <p><i>Source: Iowa Plan for Behavioral Community Reinvestment. Magellan of Iowa. (Accessed Jul. 2015)</i></p> <p><i>Source: Telehealth Psychiatric Service Standards. Magellan Behavioral Care of Iowa. (Accessed Jul. 2015).</i></p>

Comments: A letter from the Department of Human Services addressed to the Elderly Waiver Interim Committee and posted on the Iowa legislature's website indicates that Iowa Medicaid will pay for otherwise covered medical services if rendered via telemedicine **and** if the standard in the medical community would support rendering those services via telemedicine. CCHP has reached out to Iowa Medicaid staff, who have confirmed this practice in Iowa Medicaid, stating that a service

rendered via telemedicine must meet the general provisions for Medicaid covered services outlined in 441 Iowa Administrative Code 79.9(2). However, Iowa Medicaid has not published an official telehealth policy.

State of Iowa, Department of Human Services. Letter to the Elderly Waiver Interim Committee regarding Follow up Information to hearing. (December 29, 2008), (Accessed Jul. 2015).

Iowa conducted a pilot program in 1997-2000 to study the cost-effectiveness of providing telehealth services to Medicaid patients. Few providers participated in the program, and the study found that it was not cost effective.

Office for the Advancement of Telehealth, Telemedicine Reimbursement Report, p. 31-32 (Oct. 2003) (accessed on Jul. 18, 2014). (Accessed Jul. 2015).

New Regulations Passed

- IA Board of Medicine (Source: IA Admin Code Sec. 653.13.11)