

Minnesota

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Definition of telemedicine/telehealth	
<p><u>Recently Passed Legislation (Effective Jan. 1, 2016)</u> "Telemedicine" means the delivery of health care services or consultations while the patient is at an originating site and the licensed health care provider is at a distant site. A communication between licensed health care providers that consists solely of a telephone conversation, e-mail, or facsimile transmission does not constitute telemedicine consultations or services. A communication between a licensed health care provider and a patient that consists solely of an e-mail or facsimile transmission does not constitute telemedicine consultations or services. Telemedicine may be provided by means of real-time two-way, interactive audio and visual communications, including the application of secure video conferencing or store-and-forward technology to provide or support health care delivery, which facilitate the assessment, diagnosis, consultation, treatment, education, and care management of a patient's health care.</p> <p><i>Source: MN Senate File 1458 (2015). MN Statute Sec 256B.0622, subdivision 8.</i></p>	<p>"Telemedicine" is "the use of telecommunications to furnish medical information and services. Telemedicine consultations must be made via two-way, interactive video or store-and-forward technology."</p> <p><i>Source: MN Dept. of Human Services, Provider Manual, Physician and Professional Services, As revised Jan. 13, 2015. (Accessed Jul. 2015).</i></p>
Live Video Reimbursement	
<p><u>Recently Passed Legislation</u> Intensive Rehabilitative Mental Health Services Physician services may be billed by a psychiatrist or other health care professional to treat intensive residential treatment services.</p> <p><i>Source: MN Senate File 1458 (2015). MN Statute Sec 256B.0622, subdivision 8.</i></p> <p>(see Medicaid column)</p>	<p>Minnesota's Medical Assistance program reimburses live video for fee-for-service programs.</p> <p>Prepaid health plans may choose whether to cover telemedicine services.</p> <p>Eligible "spoke" providers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physician • Nurse practitioner • Clinical nurse specialist • Physician Assistant • Certified nurse midwife

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Podiatrist or • Mental Health professional <p>Eligible “hub” site provider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be a specialist. <p><i>Source: MN Dept. of Human Svcs., Provider Manual, Physician and Professional Services, As revised Jan. 13, 2015. (Accessed Jul. 2015).</i></p> <p><i>Source (Mental Health): MN Dept. of Human Svcs., Provider Manual, Telemedicine Delivery of Mental Health Services, Sept. 26, 2012 (accessed Jul. 2015).</i></p> <p>Telemedicine consults are limited to three per calendar week per patient.</p> <p>Payment is made to both the consulting physician and the referring physician if the referring physician is present during the consult.</p> <p>The patient record must include a written opinion from the consulting physician.</p> <p><i>Source: MN Dept. of Human Services, Provider Manual, Physician and Professional Svcs. As revised Jan. 13, 2015. (Accessed Jul. 2015).</i></p> <p>Telemedicine consults shall be paid at the same rate as in-person services.</p> <p><i>Minnesota Source: MN Statute Sec. 256B.0625</i></p> <p>Other services that can be provided through telemedicine:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children’s therapeutic supports services • Occupational therapy • Physical therapy • Speech-language pathology <p><i>Source: MN Dept. of Human Svcs., Provider Manual, Individualized Education Program Svcs. Apr. 10, 2015 (Accessed on Jul. 2015) & Provider Manual, Rehabilitative Services. As revised May 1, 2015 (accessed Jul. 2015).</i></p> <p>Non-covered Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teledentistry • Telemedicine for alcohol and drug abuse services <p><i>Source (dental): MN Dept. of Human Svcs., Provider Manual, Dental Svcs. May 1, 2015 (Accessed Jul. 2015).</i></p> <p><i>Source (Alcohol and drug abuse): MN Dept. of Human Svcs., Provider Manual, Alcohol and Drug Abuse Svcs. Sept. 11, 2014 (Accessed Jul. 2015).</i></p>
Store and Forward Reimbursement	
<i>(see Medicaid column)</i>	Minnesota’s Medical Assistance program reimburses for

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	<p>services delivered through store and forward technology.</p> <p><i>Source: MN Dept. of Human Svcs., Provider Manual, Physician and Professional Svcs. As revised Jan. 13, 2015. (Accessed Jul. 2015).</i></p> <p>Store and forward technology includes telemedicine consults that do not occur in real time, and that do not require a face-to-face encounter with the patient for all or any part of the consult.</p> <p><i>Source: MN Statute Sec. 256B.0625 (2012).</i></p>
Remote Patient Monitoring Reimbursement	
<p>No reference found.</p>	<p>There is reimbursement for “telehomecare” under Elderly Waiver (EW) and Alternative Care (AC) programs.</p> <p><i>Source: MN Dept. of Human Svcs., Provider Manual, Elderly Waiver (EW) and Alternative Care (AC) Program, As revised Jul. 27, 2015 (Accessed Jul. 2015).</i></p> <p>Prior authorization for home care services is required for all tele-home-care visits.</p> <p><i>Source: MN Dept. of Human Svcs., Provider Manual, Home Care Svcs., As revised Jan. 1, 2015 (Accessed Jul. 2015).</i></p>
Email/Phone/FAX	
<p>No reference found.</p>	<p>“A communication between two physicians that consists solely of a telephone conversation is not a telemedicine consultation.”</p> <p><i>Source: MN Statute Sec. 256B.0625 (2012).</i></p> <p>Case management for Child Welfare Case Management services is covered through telephone.</p> <p><i>Source: MN Dept. of Human Svcs., Provider Manual, Child Welfare Case Management Services, As revised Dec. 30, 2009. (Accessed Jul. 2015).</i></p>
Online Prescribing	
<p>A prescription or drug order is not valid unless it can be established that the prescription or order was based on a documented patient evaluation, including an examination, adequate to establish a diagnosis and identify underlying conditions and contraindications to treatment.</p> <p>This includes the referring provider performing an in-person examination and a consultant issuing the prescription when providing services by telemedicine.</p> <p><i>Source: MN Statute Sec. 151.37(2012).</i></p>	<p>No reference found.</p>
Consent	

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Location	
No reference found.	<p>Consults performed by providers who are not located in Minnesota and contiguous counties require prior authorization by the Medicaid program.</p> <p><i>Source: MN Dept. of Human Svcs., Provider Manual, Physician and Professional Svcs., As revised Jan. 13, 2015. (Accessed Jul. 2015).</i></p>
Cross-State Licensing	
<p>A physician licensed in another state can provide telemedicine services to a patient in Minnesota if their license has never been revoked or restricted in any state, they agree to not open an office in Minnesota and they register with the state's board.</p> <p><i>Source: MN Statute Sec. 147.032(1)</i></p> <p>Recently Passed Legislation Minnesota adopted the Federation of State Medical Board (FSMB)'s model language for an interstate medical licensure compact.</p> <p><i>Source: MN Senate File 253 (2015). MN Statute Sec. 147.38.</i></p>	No reference found.
Private Payers	
<p>Recently Passed Legislation (Effective Jan. 1, 2016) Private payers are required to provide coverage for telemedicine in the same manner, and at the same reimbursement rate, as other services provided in person. (Applies to plans that begin on or after Jan. 1, 2017).</p> <p>A health carrier can establish criteria that a health care provider must meet to demonstrate the safety or efficacy of delivering a service via telemedicine. They can also require a health care provider to agree to certain documentation or billing practices to protect against fraud.</p> <p><i>Source: MN Senate File 1458 (2015). MN Statute Sec. 62A.672.</i></p>	No reference found.
Site/Transmission Fee	
No reference found.	No reference found.
Miscellaneous	
	<p>The Chemical Dependency Continuum of Care Pilot Project is to include telehealth services to address barriers to services.</p> <p><i>Source: MN Statute 254B.14 Sec. 13</i></p>

