

# Nevada

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| <b>Definition of telemedicine/telehealth</b>  |   |
| <p>Telehealth means the delivery of services from a provider of health care to a patient at a different location through the use of information and audio-visual communication technology, not including standard telephone, facsimile or electronic mail.</p> <p><i>Source: NV Bill AB 292 (2015).</i></p> | <p>“Telehealth is the use of a telecommunications system to substitute for an in-person encounter for professional consultations, office visits, office psychiatry services, and a limited number of other medical services.”</p> <p><i>Source: NV Dept. of Health and Human Svcs., Medicaid Services Manual, Section 3400, p. 1 (Nov. 14, 2014).</i></p>   |
| <b>Live Video Reimbursement</b>   |   |
| <p>Live video reimbursement is available, including for dental plans. See Private Payers section below.</p> <p><i>Source: NV Bill AB 292 (2015).</i></p>  | <p>Nevada Medicaid will reimburse for live video.</p> <p>Eligible services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consultations;</li> <li>• Follow-up inpatient consults;</li> <li>• Office of other outpatient visits;</li> <li>• Subsequent hospital care services;</li> <li>• Subsequent nursing facility care services;</li> <li>• Individual psychotherapy;</li> <li>• Pharmacologic management;</li> <li>• Psychiatric diagnostic interview examination;</li> <li>• End-stage renal disease services</li> <li>• Neurobehavioral status exam;</li> <li>• Individual health and behavior assessment and interventions;</li> <li>• Individual and group diabetes self-management training services;</li> <li>• Smoking cessation counseling, for pregnant women only.</li> </ul> <p>Reimbursement should be at the same amount as in-person services.</p> <p><i>Source: NV Dept. of Health and Human Svcs., Medicaid Services Manual, Section 3403.4, p. 6 (Nov. 14, 2014).</i></p> |

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|   | <p>Eligible providers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Physician;</li> <li>• Nurse practitioner;</li> <li>• Advanced Practitioner of Nursing</li> <li>• Physician assistant;</li> <li>• Nurse midwife;</li> <li>• Licensed Clinical Psychologist</li> <li>• Licensed Clinical Social Worker</li> <li>• Clinical staff employed and determined by a state mental health agency to meet established class specification qualifications of a Mental Health Counselor, Clinical Social Worker or Psychological Assistant.</li> </ul> <p><i>Source: NV Dept. of Health and Human Svcs., Medicaid Services Manual, Section 3403.3, p. 5-6 (Nov. 14, 2014).</i></p> <p>Subsequent hospital care is limited to one telehealth visit every three calendar days.</p> <p>Subsequent nursing facility care is limited to one telehealth visit every 30 calendar days.</p> <p><i>Source: NV Dept. of Health and Human Svcs., Medicaid Services Manual, Section 3403.3, p. 6 (Nov. 14, 2014).</i></p> |
| <b>Store and Forward Reimbursement</b>  |  |
| No reference found.   | <p>Nevada Medicaid will not reimburse for store and forward.</p> <p><i>Source: NV Dept. of Health and Human Svcs., Medicaid Services Manual, Section 3403.4, p. 9 (Nov. 14, 2014).</i></p>   |
| <b>Remote Patient Monitoring Reimbursement</b>  |  |
| No reference found.   | No reference found.  |
| <b>Email/Phone/FAX</b>  |  |
| <p>No reimbursement for email.<br/>No reimbursement for telephone.<br/>No reimbursement for FAX.</p> <p><i>Source: NV Revised Statutes Annotated Sec. 633.165 (2012).</i></p>   | <p>No reference found for email.<br/>No reimbursement for telephone, except psychiatric treatment in crisis intervention.<br/>No reference found for FAX.</p> <p><i>Source: NV Dept. of Health and Human Svcs., Medicaid Services Manual, Section 600, p. 10 (July 10, 2014).</i></p>  |
| <b>Online Prescribing</b>   |  |
| <p>A provider of health care who is located at a distant site and uses telehealth to direct or manage the care or render a diagnosis of a patient who is located in Nevada or write a treatment order or prescription for such a patient must comply with all state and federal laws that would apply if the provider was located within the state.</p> | No reference found.  |

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| <p><i>Source: NV Bill AB 292 (2015).</i></p> <p><u>Osteopathic Medicine</u><br/>A bona fide relationship between a patient and osteopathic physician (needed for a prescription) can be established via telemedicine.</p> <p><i>Source: NV Revised Statutes Annotated Sec. 633.165</i></p>   |   |
| <b>Consent</b>   |   |
| <p>For osteopaths, oral and written consent. Must include this information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The patient or legal representative may withdraw consent at any time;</li> <li>• Potential risks, consequences and benefits of telemedicine;</li> <li>• Whether the osteopath has a financial interest in the web site used to engage in telemedicine, or in the products or services provided ;</li> <li>• Patient privacy and security;</li> <li>• The osteopath will not release any confidential medical information without written consent.</li> </ul> <p><i>Source: NV Revised Statutes Annotated Sec. 633.165 (2012).</i></p> |   |
| <b>Location</b>  |   |
| <p>No reference found.</p>   | <p>Eligible originating sites include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Office of a physician, physician assistant, nurse practitioner, or nurse, midwife;</li> <li>• Critical Access Hospital (CAH);</li> <li>• Rural Health Clinic (RHC);</li> <li>• Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC);</li> <li>• Hospital;</li> <li>• Hospital-based or CAH-based renal dialysis center (including satellites);</li> <li>• Skilled nursing facility;</li> <li>• Office of clinical psychologist;</li> <li>• Office of clinical social worker;</li> <li>• Community mental health centers;</li> <li>• Indian Health Services, tribal organization, or urban Indian organization health programs.</li> </ul> <p><i>Source: NV Dept. of Health and Human Svcs., Medicaid Services Manual, Section 3403.3, p. 4-5 (Nov. 14, 2014).</i></p> |
| <b>Cross-State Licensing</b>   |   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A practitioner must hold a valid Nevada License or certificate to practice his or her profession before providing services via telehealth unless he or she is a provider of health care services who is providing services within the scope of his or her employment by or pursuant to a contract</li> </ul>  | <p>No reference found.</p>  |

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| <p>entered into with an urban Indian organization.</p> <p><i>Source: NV Bill AB 292 (2015).</i></p> <p>Nevada adopted the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB)’s model language for an interstate medical licensure compact.</p> <p><i>Source: NV Bill SB 251 (2015).</i></p>  |  |
| <b>Private Payers</b>   |  |
| <p>A health plan must include coverage for services provided to an enrollee through telehealth to the same extent as through provided in-person.</p> <p><i>Source: NV Bill AB 292 (2015).</i></p>   | No reference found.  |
| <b>Site/Transmission Fee</b>  |  |
| No reference found.   | No reference found.  |
| <b>Miscellaneous</b>  |  |
| <p>Before an osteopathic physician may use telemedicine:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A bona fide relationship between the osteopathic physician and the patient must exist which must include, without limitation, a history and physical examination or consultation which occurred in person and which was sufficient to establish a diagnosis and identify any underlying medical conditions of the patient.</li> <li>• The osteopathic physician must obtain informed, written consent from the patient or the legal representative of the patient to engage in telemedicine with the patient. The osteopathic physician shall maintain the consent form as part of the permanent medical record of the patient.</li> </ul> <p><i>Source: NV Revised Statutes Annotated Sec. 633.165 (2012).</i></p> | <p>Telehealth services do not require prior authorization. However, individual services may require prior authorization, whether delivered in person or by telehealth.</p> <p><i>Nevada Dept. of Health and Human Svcs., Medicaid Services Manual, Section 3403.8, p. 9 (Nov. 14, 2014).</i></p> |

**Comments:** In 2011, the Nevada Legislature defined telemedicine and established practice requirements.

*New Regulation Passed:*

- Board of Occupational Therapy (*Source: LCB File No. R017-14 & Ch. 640A of NE Admin. Code*)

New Law Passed Establishing Standards for telepractice for speech language pathology and audiology.

*Source: NV Bill AB 115 (2015)*

