

North Dakota

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Definition of telemedicine/telehealth	
<p><u>Recently Passed Legislation (Effective Jan. 31, 2017)</u> <i>Public Employee Retirement System</i> "Telehealth (1) Means the use of interactive audio, video, or other telecommunications technology that is used by a health care provider or health care facility at a distant site to deliver health services at an originating site; and that is delivered over a secure connection that complies with the requirements of state and federal laws; (2) Includes the use of electronic media for consultation relating to the health care diagnosis or treatment of a patient in real time or through the use of store - and - forward technology; (3) Does not include the use of audio - only telephone, email, or facsimile transmissions." <i>Source: ND House Bill 1038 (2015), ND Statute Sec. 54-52.1-04.13.</i></p> <p><u>Recently Passed Legislation (Effective Aug. 1, 2015)</u> <i>Stroke system of care task force</i> "Telemedicine services means the use of interactive audio, video, and other electronic media used for the purpose of diagnosis, consultation, or treatment of acute stroke." <i>Source: ND House Bill 1323 (2015), ND Statute Sec. 23-43-05.</i> North Dakota uses federal definitions for "internet" and "practice of telemedicine" set in the Ryan Haight Online Pharmacy Consumer Protection Act of 2008. <i>Source: ND Century Code, Sec. 19-02.1-15.1.</i></p> <p>"Telemedicine means the practice of medicine by a practitioner, other than a pharmacist, who is at a location remote from the patient, and is communicating with the patient, or health care professional who is treating the patient, using a telecommunications system." <i>Source: Ryan Haight Online Pharmacy Consumer Protection Act of 2008 [Pub. L. 110-425; 21 U.S.C. 802-803].</i></p>	<p>Telemedicine is the use of interactive audio-video equipment to link practitioners and patients at different sites. <i>Source: Medicaid Medical Policy. North Dakota Department of Human Services: Policy Number NDMP-2012-0007. Telemedicine Services. (Jan. 14, 2015).</i></p>

Live Video Reimbursement

North Dakota's Worker Compensation Act provides reimbursement for live video.

Eligible services:

- Office or other outpatient visits;
- New evaluation visits and established management visits;
- Individual psychotherapy visits;
- Pharmacologic management visits.

The patient must be present and participate in the appointment.

The professional fee is equal to comparable in-person services.

Source: ND Admin. Code 92-01-02-34.

North Dakota Medicaid will reimburse for live video services as long as the patient is present during the service. Actual visual contact (face-to-face) must be maintained between practitioner and patient.

Source: ND Dept. of Human Svcs., General Information For Providers, Medicaid and Other Medical Assistance Programs, p. 129 (Apr. 2012).

Both originating-site and distant-site physicians may bill for services. There is no separate reimbursement for supplies.

Source: ND Dept. of Human Svcs., General Information For Providers, Medicaid and Other Medical Assistance Programs, p. 129 (April 2012).

There is reimbursement for long-distance charges required for out-of-network sites.

Source: ND Dept. of Human Svcs., General Information For Providers, Medicaid and Other Medical Assistance Programs, p. 129 (April 2012).

Eligible services:

- New and established Office and other outpatient E/M services
- Psychiatric diagnostic evaluation
- Individual psychotherapy
- Pharmacologic management
- Speech Therapy, individual
- Initial inpatient telehealth consultation

Reimbursement is made only to the distant practitioner during the telemedicine session. No reimbursement is allowed to the originating site practitioner if he/she solely presents the patient to the distant site practitioner.

Requires a medical professional, such as a nurse, to be present during the telehealth service; and to ensure a connection has been established with the distant physician.

Out of state requests for telemedicine services require prior authorization.

Source: Medicaid Medical Policy. North Dakota Department of Human Services: Policy Number NDMP-2012-0007. Telemedicine Services. (Jan. 14, 2015).

Indian Health Services

Reimbursement for telemedicine is on the same basis as those provided for face-to-face contact.

Source: ND MMIS Web Portal. Indian Health Services. April 2015. Accessed Jul 24, 2015.

Store and Forward Reimbursement

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No reference found.	North Dakota Medicaid does not reimburse for store and forward. <i>Source: ND Dept. of Human Svcs., General Information For Providers, Medicaid and Other Medical Assistance Programs, p. 129 (April 2012).</i>
Remote Patient Monitoring Reimbursement	
No reference found.	No reference found.
Email/Phone/FAX	
No reference found.	No reference found for email. No reimbursement for telephone. No reference found for FAX. <i>Source: ND Dept. of Human Svcs., General Information For Providers, Medicaid and Other Medical Assistance Programs, p. 126 (April 2012).</i>
Online Prescribing	
A valid prescription via e-prescribing means a prescription has been issued for a legitimate medical purpose, in the usual course of professional practice, by a practitioner who has first conducted an in-person medical evaluation of the patient. An in-person medical evaluation can include the referring practitioner having performed the exam, in the case of telemedicine. <i>Source: ND Centennial Code, Sec. 19-02.1-15.1.</i>	No reference found.
Consent	
No reference found.	No reference found.
Location	
No reference found.	The distant site must be a sufficient distance from the originating site to provide services to patients who do not have readily available access to such specialized services allowed/reimbursed by ND Medicaid via telemedicine. <i>Source: Medicaid Medical Policy. North Dakota Department of Human Services: Policy Number NDMP-2012-0007. Telemedicine Services. (Jan. 14, 2015).</i>
Cross-State Licensing	
The ND Medical Board may engage in reciprocal licensing agreements with out-of-state licensing agencies, but is not required to do so. <i>Source: ND Century Code Sec. 43-17-21 (2012).</i>	No reference found.
Private Payers	
No reference found.	No reference found.

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Site/Transmission Fee	
<p>Under the Worker’s Compensation Act, the originating sites may receive a facility fee, not to exceed \$20.</p> <p><i>Source: ND Admin. Code 92-01-02-34.</i></p>	<p>Reimbursement will be made to the originating site as a facility fee only in place of service office, inpatient hospital, outpatient hospital, or skilled nursing facility/nursing facility. There is no additional reimbursement for equipment, technicians or other technology or personnel utilized in the performance of the telemedicine service.</p> <p><i>Source: Medicaid Medical Policy. North Dakota Department of Human Services: Policy Number NDMP-2012-0007. Telemedicine Services. (Jan. 14, 2015).</i></p>
Miscellaneous	
<p><u>Recently Passed Legislation</u></p> <p>For all policies in the Public Employees Retirement System that become effective after June 30, 2015 and don’t extend passed June 30, 2017 to board shall provide coverage for telehealth services the same as in-person.</p> <p>The public employees retirement system must prepare and submit for introduction a bill to the 65th legislative assembly to repeal the expiration date to the Act, and apply telehealth coverage to all group and individual insurance policies.</p> <p><i>Source: ND House Bill 1038 (2015), ND Statute Sec. 54-52.1-04.13.</i></p>	

