

Iowa

Medicaid Program: Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

Program Administrator: IA Dept. of Human Services

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STATE LAW/REGULATIONS	MEDICAID PROGRAM
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>	<p>No reference found.</p>
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>	<p><u>Recently Passed Rule (Now Effective)</u> In person contact between a health care professional and patient is not required for payment for services otherwise covered and appropriately provided through telehealth as long as it meets the generally accepted health care practices and standards prevailing in the applicable professional community.</p> <p>Services provided in-person or through telehealth shall be treated as equivalent for purposes of reimbursement.</p> <p><i>Source: IA Admin Code Sec. 441, 78.55 (249A).</i> https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/iac/rule09-30-2015.441.78.55.pdf</p>
Store and Forward Reimbursement	
<p>No reference found.</p>	<p>No reference found.</p>
Remote Patient Monitoring Reimbursement	
<p>No reference found.</p>	<p>No reference found.</p>
Email/Phone/FAX	
<p>No reference found.</p>	<p>No reference found.</p>

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Online Prescribing	
<p>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 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>	No reference found.
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: Telehealth Psychiatric Service Standards. Magellan Behavioral Care of Iowa. (Accessed Mar. 2016).</i></p>

Comments:Professional Board Telehealth-Specific Regulations

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