

# Montana

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<b>Definition of telemedicine/telehealth</b>	
<p>Telemedicine means the use of interactive audio, video, or other telecommunications technology that is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Used by a health care provider or health care facility to deliver health care services at a site other than the site where the patient is located; and</li> <li>Delivered over a secure connection that complies with the requirements of HIPPA. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The term 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.</li> <li>The term does not include the use of audio-only telephone, e-mail, or facsimile transmissions.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><i>Source: MT Code Sec. 33-22-138.</i></p> <p><b><u>Recently Passed Legislation (Currently Effective)</u></b></p> <p>Telemedicine means the practice of medicine using interactive electronic communication information technology, or other means between a licensee in one location and a patient in another location with or without an intervening health care provider. Telemedicine typically involves the application of secure videoconferencing or store-and-forward technology, as defined in 33-22-138. The term does not mean an audio-only telephone conversation, an e-mail or instant messaging conversation, or a message sent by facsimile transmission.</p> <p><i>Source: MT Code Sec. 37-3-102.</i></p>	<p><b><u>Healthy Montana Kids</u></b></p> <p>Telemedicine is “the use of a secure interactive audio and video, or other telecommunications technology by a health care provider to deliver health care services at a site other than the site where the patient is located. Does not include audio only (phone call), e-mail, and/or facsimile transmission.”</p> <p><i>Source: MT Children’s health Insurance Plan, Healthy Montana Kids (HMK). Evidence of Coverage (Eff. July 1, 2015), p. 10. (Accessed Mar. 2016).</i></p>
<b>Live Video Reimbursement</b>	
<p>Private payers are required to provide coverage for services delivered through live video, equivalent to in-</p>	<p>Montana Medicaid will reimburse for live video services when the consulting provider is enrolled in Medicaid.</p>

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<p>person coverage.</p> <p>Eligible providers under this law include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Physicians</li> <li>• Registered professional nurse</li> <li>• Advanced practice registered nurse</li> <li>• Genetic counselor certified by the American board of genetic counseling</li> <li>• Diabetes educator certified by the national certification board for diabetes</li> </ul> <p>Eligible facilities under this law include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Critical access hospital</li> <li>• Hospice</li> <li>• Hospital</li> <li>• Long-term care facility</li> <li>• Mental health center</li> <li>• Outpatient center for primary care</li> <li>• Outpatient center for surgical services</li> </ul> <p><i>Source: MT Code Sec. 33-22-138.</i></p>	<p>The requesting provider need not be enrolled in Medicaid nor be present during the telemedicine consult.</p> <p><i>Source: MT Dept. of Public Health and Human Svcs., Medicaid and Medical Assistance Programs Manual, Physician Related Svcs., p 21 (Aug. 2015). (Accessed Mar. 2016).</i></p> <p><b>Healthy Montana Kids</b></p> <p>Services provided by telemedicine are allowed.</p> <p><i>Source: MT Children's health Insurance Plan, Healthy Montana Kids (HMK). Evidence of Coverage (Eff. July 1, 2015), p. 24. (Accessed Mar. 2016).</i></p>
<b>Store and Forward Reimbursement</b>	
<p>Private payers are required to provide coverage for services delivered through store and forward technology, equivalent to in-person coverage.</p> <p>Eligible providers under this law include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Physicians</li> <li>• Registered professional nurse</li> <li>• Advanced practice registered nurse</li> <li>• Genetic counselor certified by the American board of genetic counseling</li> <li>• Diabetes educator certified by the national certification board for diabetes</li> </ul> <p>Eligible facilities under this law include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Critical access hospital</li> <li>• Hospice</li> <li>• Hospital</li> <li>• Long-term care facility</li> <li>• Mental health center</li> <li>• Outpatient center for primary care</li> <li>• Outpatient center for surgical services</li> </ul> <p><i>Source: MT Code Sec. 33-22-138.</i></p>	<p>No reference found.</p>
<b>Remote Patient Monitoring Reimbursement</b>	
<p>No reference found.</p>	<p>No reference found.</p>

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<b>Email/Phone/FAX</b>	
No Email No Phone No Fax  <i>Source: MT Code Sec. 33-22-138.</i>	No reimbursement for telephone services in home.  <i>Source: MT Dept. of Public Health and Human Svcs., Medicaid and Medical Assistance Programs Manual, Audiology Svcs., p 11 (Jan. 2016); Rural Health Clinics &amp; Federally Qualified Health Center, p. 13 (Jan. 2016); Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy and Speech Therapy, (Jan. 2016), p. 11; Critical Access Hospital Services, (Jan. 2016), p. 22; Hospital Outpatient Services, (May 2015), p. 11; Hospital Inpatient Services, (May 2015), p. 20. (Accessed Mar. 2016).</i>
<b>Online Prescribing</b>	
No reference found.	No reference found.
<b>Consent</b>	
No reference found.	No reference found.
<b>Location</b>	
No reference found.	The place of service is considered to be the location of the provider providing the telemedicine service.  <i>Source: MT Dept. of Public Health and Human Svcs., Medicaid and Medical Assistance Programs Manual, Physician Related Svcs., pg. 54 (Aug. 2015). (Accessed Mar. 2016).</i>
<b>Cross-State Licensing</b>	
<u><b>Recently Passed Legislation (Effective Oct. 1, 2015)</b></u> Montana adopted the Federation of State Medical Board (FSMB)'s model language for an interstate medical licensure compact.  <i>Source: MT House Bill 429.</i>	No reference found.
<b>Private Payers</b>	
Private payers are required to provide coverage for services delivered through telemedicine, equivalent to in-person coverage.  <i>Source: MT Code Sec. 33-22-138.</i>	No reference found.
<b>Site/Transmission Fee</b>	
No reference found.	No reimbursement for network use charges.  <i>Source: MT Dept. of Public Health and Human Svcs., Medicaid and Medical Assistance Programs Manual, Physician Related Svcs., pg. 21 (Aug. 2015).</i>  FQHCs and RHCs can bill a telehealth originating site code if applicable.  <i>Source: MT Dept. of Public Health and Human Svcs., Medicaid and Medical Assistance Programs Manual, Rural Health Clinics &amp; Federally Qualified Health Center, p. 19 (Mar. 2015). (Accessed Mar. 2016).</i>
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	

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**Comments:**

Professional Board Telehealth-Specific Regulations

- MT Board of Speech-Language Pathology (*MT Admin Rules, Sec. 24.222.9*)