

# Pennsylvania

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| <b>Definition of telemedicine/telehealth</b> |  |
| No reference found.                          | <p>Telemedicine is the use of real-time interactive telecommunications technology that includes, at a minimum, audio and video equipment as a mode of delivering consultation services.</p> <p><i>Source: PA Department of Public Welfare, Medical Assistance Bulletin 09-12-31, 31-12-31, 33-12-30, May 23, 2012 (accessed Mar. 2016).</i></p>  |
| <b>Live Video Reimbursement</b>              |  |
| No reference found.                          | <p>Pennsylvania Medicaid will reimburse for live video for specialty consultations.</p> <p>Eligible Providers (fee for service):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Physicians</li> <li>• Certified registered nurse practitioners</li> <li>• Certified nurse midwives</li> </ul> <p>Providers under a managed care system should contact the appropriate managed care organization.</p> <p><i>Source: PA Department of Public Welfare, Medical Assistance Bulletin 09-12-31, 31-12-31, 33-12-30, May 23, 2012 (accessed Mar. 2016).</i></p> <p><b>Telepsychiatry Services</b><br/>PA Medicaid will reimburse licensed psychiatrists and licensed psychologists for telepsychiatry outpatient services including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Psychiatric diagnostic evaluations</li> <li>• Psychological Evaluations</li> <li>• Pharmacological management</li> <li>• Consultations (with patient/family)</li> <li>• Psychotherapy</li> </ul> <p>Providers must have documented endorsement to deliver mental services through telepsych from the county mental health program and the HealthChoices Behavioral Health Managed Care Organization, and this endorsement must be submitted to the PA Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services regional</p> |

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|  | <p>office for final approval.</p> <p><i>Source: PA Department of Public Health, Medical Assistance Bulletin OMHSAS-14-01, Mar. 18, 2014 (accessed Mar. 2016).</i></p> <p><b>For FQHCs &amp; RHCs</b><br/>           Telepsychiatry Services – Only applicable to Behavioral Health Managed Care delivery system claims and not fee-for-service delivery. Service is in real-time, interactive audio-video transmission and do not include phone, email or facsimile transmission. Consultation between two healthcare practitioners do not count as a qualifying service. Service providers are limited to psychologists and psychiatrists.</p> <p><i>Source: PA PROMISE, 837 Professional/CMS-1500 Claim Form, Provider Handbook, Appendix E – FQHC/RHC. p. 10 (Apr. 22, 2014).</i></p> |
| <b>Store and Forward Reimbursement</b>         |  |
| No reference found.                            | <p>Pennsylvania Medicaid will not reimburse for store and forward.</p> <p><i>Source: PA Department of Public Welfare, Medical Assistance Bulletin 09-12-31, 31-12-31, 33-12-30, May 23, 2012 (accessed Mar. 2016).</i></p>   |
| <b>Remote Patient Monitoring Reimbursement</b> |  |
| No reference found.                            | <p>PA Medicaid fee for service does not reimburse for remote patient monitoring. However, see “Comments” section below.</p> <p><i>Source: PA Department of Public Welfare, Medical Assistance Bulletin 09-12-31, 31-12-31, 33-12-30, May 23, 2012 (accessed Mar. 2016).</i></p>  |
| <b>Email/Phone/FAX</b>                         |  |
| No reference found.                            | <p>No reimbursement for email.<br/>           No reimbursement for telephone.<br/>           No reimbursement for FAX.</p> <p><i>Source: PA Department of Public Welfare, Medical Assistance Bulletin 09-12-31, 31-12-31, 33-12-30, May 23, 2012 (accessed Mar. 2016).</i></p>   |
| <b>Online Prescribing</b>                      |  |
| No reference found.                            | No reference found.  |
| <b>Consent</b>                                 |  |
| No reference found.                            | <p>Informed consent is required from individuals participating in any services utilizing telepsych.</p> <p><i>Source: PA Department of Public Health, Medical Assistance Bulletin OMHSAS-14-01, Mar. 18, 2014 (accessed Mar. 2016).</i></p>  |
| <b>Location</b>                                |  |
| No reference found.                            | No reference found.  |

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| <b>Cross-State Licensing</b>   |  |
| <p>Pennsylvania issues extraterritorial licenses to physicians residing or practicing in an adjoining state, near the Pennsylvania boundary, and whose practice extends into Pennsylvania to practice in Pennsylvania.</p> <p>Pennsylvania bases the granting of this license on the availability of medical care in the area involved, and whether the adjoining state extends similar privileges to Pennsylvania physicians.</p> <p><i>Source: PA Statutes Annotated, Title 63 Sec. 422.34(a) and (c) (2).</i></p> | No reference found.  |
| <b>Private Payers</b>  |  |
| No reference found.  | No reference found.  |
| <b>Site/Transmission Fee</b>   |  |
| No reference found.  | <p>Originating site may bill for facility fee.</p> <p><i>Source: PA Department of Public Welfare, Medical Assistance Bulletin 09-12-31, 31-12-31, 33-12-30, May 23, 2012 (accessed Mar. 2016).</i></p> <p><i>Source: PA Department of Public Health, Medical Assistance Bulletin OMHSAS-14-01, Mar. 18, 2014 (accessed Mar. 2016).</i></p> |
| <b>Miscellaneous</b>   |  |
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**Comments:**

Pennsylvania Department of Aging, Office of Long Term Aging, offers “TeleCare” services under the Aging and Waiver program. “TeleCare” is a model of service that uses technology with services that allows people with chronic conditions to remain independent. In-home technology is used to provide services. Health status measuring and monitoring; activity and sensor monitoring; and medication dispensing and monitoring are used in the program.

*Source: PA Dept. of Aging, Office of Long Term Aging, APD #09-01-05, Oct. 1, 2009.*