

## Idaho

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<b>Definition of telemedicine/telehealth</b>	
<p>“Telehealth is an electronic real-time synchronized audio-visual contact between a consultant and participant related to the treatment of the participant. The consultant and participant interact as if they were having a face-to-face service.”</p> <p><i>Source: ID Administrative Code 16.03.10.681 (2012).</i></p> <p>Psychiatric Telehealth is an electronic real time synchronous audio-visual contact between a physician and participant related to the treatment of the participant. The participant is in one (1) location, called the hub site, with specialized equipment including a video camera and monitor, and with the hosting provider. The physician is at another location, called the spoke site, with specialized equipment. The physician and participant interact as if they were having a face-to-face service.</p> <p><i>Source: ID Administrative Code 16.03.09 Sec. 502</i></p> <p>Telehealth services means health care services provided by a provider to a person through the use of electronic communications, information technology, asynchronous store and forward transfer or synchronous interaction between a provider at a distant site and a patient at an originating site. Such services include, but are not limited to, clinical care, health education, home health and facilitation of self-managed care and caregiver support.</p> <p><i>Source: ID House Bill 189 (2015) &amp; ID Code Sec. 54-5603.</i></p> <p>Telehealth is synchronous interaction telehealth encounters, delivered as defined in Title 54, Chapter 57, Idaho Code.</p> <p><i>Source: ID Administrative Code 16.03.09 Sec. 502.</i></p>	<p>Telehealth is health care services provided by a provider to a participant through the use of electronic communications, information technology, synchronous interaction between a provider at a distant site and a patient at an originating site.</p> <p><i>Source: Medicaid Telehealth Policy. Rev. 7/1/2016. (Accessed Aug. 2016).</i></p>
<b>Live Video Reimbursement</b>	
<p>Telehealth services that are properly identified in accordance with billing requirements are covered under</p>	<p>Idaho Medicaid reimburses for specific services via telehealth.</p>

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<p>Medicaid for physicians, within limitations defined by the Department in the Idaho Medicaid Provider Handbook. Subject to primary care provider communication requirements.</p> <p>Telehealth services are covered for advanced practice registered nurses enrolled as Healthy Connections providers, within the limitations defined in the Idaho Medicaid Provider Handbook.</p> <p><i>Source: ID Administrative Code 16.03.09 Sec. 210, 502 &amp; 565.</i></p>	<p>If the department elects to reimburse for other services, Medicare coverage and reimbursement standards will be used as a general guideline. To the extent possible, participants must be given the opportunity to select their provider.</p> <p>Providers must develop and document evaluation processes and participant outcomes.</p> <p>The following services are allowed through telehealth when provided by a physician or midlevel practitioner:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Primary care services</li> <li>• Specialty services</li> <li>• Psychotherapy with evaluation and management</li> <li>• Psychotherapy diagnostic interview</li> <li>• Pharmacological management</li> <li>• Therapeutic consultation and crisis intervention</li> </ul> <p>Reimbursement limited to specific CPT codes.</p> <p>Must be referred by a primary care provider.</p> <p><i>Source: Medicaid Telehealth Policy. Rev. 7/1/2016 &amp; Idaho MMIS Provider Handbook: allopathic and Osteopathic Physicians. Jun. 2016, p. 29. (Accessed Aug. 2016).</i></p> <p>Telehealth services can be provided as an encounter by an Indian Health Service facility, federally qualified health clinic and rural health clinic,</p> <p><i>Source: Idaho MMIS Provider Handbook: Ambulatory Health Care Facility. Aug. 2016, p. 9, 12 &amp; 19 (Accessed Aug. 2016).</i></p> <p>Occupational therapists, physical therapists and speech language pathologists may provide services through telehealth. Covered telehealth services include speech therapy provided by licensed speech language pathologists as well as therapeutic procedures and activities provided by licensed occupational therapists and licensed physical therapists. Evaluations must be performed with an in-person visit to the participant and is not covered through telehealth.</p> <p>The physician order must specifically allow the services to be provided via telehealth.</p> <p><i>Source: Medicaid Telehealth Policy. Rev. 7/1/2016 &amp; ID MMIS Provider Handbook. Speech, Language and Hearing Service Providers. July 1, 2016 &amp; ID MMIS Provider Handbook. Respiratory, Developmental, Rehab and Restorative Services. Jul. 2016. Pg. 7-8 &amp; 14-15, (Accessed Aug. 2016).</i></p> <p>Psychiatric telehealth services not provided through Idaho Behavioral Health Plan is limited to psychiatric services for:</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diagnostic assessment</li> <li>• Pharmacological management</li> <li>• Psychotherapy with evaluation and management services</li> </ul> <p>Services are not reimbursed when provided through a videophone or webcam.</p> <p><i>Source: ID Administrative Code 16.03.09 Sec. 502</i></p> <p>Through the Children’s Waiver Services, Idaho Medicaid will reimburse for crisis intervention consults, or individual consults by a therapeutic consultant via live video.</p> <p><i>Source (service type): ID Administrative Code 16.03.10.683 (2012).</i></p> <p>Community Based Rehabilitation Services (CBRS) supervision is included in the CBRS reimbursement rate. It is not separately reimbursable.</p> <p><i>Medicaid Telehealth Policy. Rev. 7/1/2016. (Accessed Aug. 2016).</i></p>
<b>Store and Forward Reimbursement</b>	
No reference found.	<p>Idaho Medicaid will only reimburse for “two-way live video services”.</p> <p><i>Source: Medicaid Telehealth Policy. Rev. 7/1/2016. (Accessed Aug. 2016).</i></p>
<b>Remote Patient Monitoring Reimbursement</b>	
No reference found.	No reference found.
<b>Email/Phone/FAX</b>	
<p><b><u>Recently Passed Legislation (Now Effective)</u></b> Reimbursement not available in fee-for-service for telephone, email or fax between a physician and participant.</p> <p><i>Source: ID Administrative Code 16.03.09 Sec. 502.</i></p>	<p>No reimbursement for telephone, email or fax.</p> <p><i>Source: Medicaid Telehealth Policy. Rev. 7/1/2016. (Accessed Aug. 2016).</i></p>
<b>Online Prescribing</b>	
<p>Prescribing physicians must have prescriber-patient relationship, which includes a documented patient evaluation adequate to establish diagnoses and identify underlying conditions and/or contraindications to the treatment.</p> <p>Prescriptions based solely on online questionnaires or consults outside of an ongoing clinical relationship are prohibited.</p> <p><i>Source: ID Code § 54-1733 (2012).</i></p> <p><b>Recently Passed Legislation</b></p>	No reference found.

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<p>Prescriptions can be issued as long as there is an established provider-patient relationship, provided that the prescription is not for a controlled substance unless prescribed in compliance with 21 USC section 802(54)(A).</p> <p>No drug can be prescribed for the purpose of abortion.</p> <p>If a provider-patient relationship is not yet established, the provider must take appropriate steps to establish the relationship by use of two-way audio and visual interaction, provided that the applicable Idaho community standard of care has been satisfied.</p> <p><i>Source: ID House Bill 189 (2015) &amp; ID Code Sec. 54-5603 through 5607.</i></p>	
<b>Consent</b>	
<p>A patient's consent must be obtained.</p> <p><i>Source: ID Code Sec. 54-5608 &amp; IDAPA 22.01.15).</i></p>	<p>Participant informed consent is required.</p> <p><i>Source: Medicaid Telehealth Policy. Rev. 7/1/2016. (Accessed Aug. 2016).</i></p>
<b>Location</b>	
No reference found.	No reference found.
<b>Cross-State Licensing</b>	
<p>Idaho adopted the Federation of State Medical Board (FSMB)'s model language for an interstate medical licensure compact.</p> <p><i>Source: ID House Bill 150. ID Code Title 54, Ch. 18.</i></p>	<p>Providers of telehealth services must be licensed by the Idaho Board of Medicine.</p> <p><i>Source: Medicaid Telehealth Policy. Rev. 7/1/2016. (Accessed Aug. 2016).</i></p>
<b>Private Payers</b>	
No reference found.	No reference found.
<b>Site/Transmission Fee</b>	
No reference found.	<p>No originating site fee.</p> <p><i>Source: Medicaid Telehealth Policy. Rev. 7/1/2016. (Accessed Aug. 2016).</i></p>
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	

**Comments:**

Idaho has a "Telehealth Council" that meets regularly to coordinate and develop a comprehensive set of standards, policies, rules and procedures for the use of telehealth and telemedicine in Idaho.

*Source: State of Idaho. Telehealth Council. (Accessed Aug. 2016)*

**Professional Board Telehealth-Specific Regulations**

- ID Board of Medicine (*Source: IDAPA 22.01.15*) <https://adminrules.idaho.gov/rules/current/22/0115.pdf>