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Definition of telemedicine/telehealth	
<p>Telemedicine means the use of interactive audio, video, or other telecommunications technology that is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 • Delivered over a secure connection that complies with the requirements of HIPPA. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • The term does not include the use of audio-only telephone, e-mail, or facsimile transmissions. <p><i>Source: MT Code Sec. 33-22-138.</i></p> <p><u>Recently Passed Legislation (Currently Effective)</u> 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><u>Healthy Montana Kids</u> 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>
Live Video Reimbursement	
<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"> • Physicians • Registered professional nurse • Advanced practice registered nurse • Genetic counselor certified by the American board of genetic counseling • Diabetes educator certified by the national certification board for diabetes <p>Eligible facilities under this law include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Critical access hospital • Hospice • Hospital • Long-term care facility • Mental health center • Outpatient center for primary care • Outpatient center for surgical services <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 2.9 (Aug. 2015). (Accessed Aug. 2016).</i></p> <p>Healthy Montana Kids 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 Aug. 2016).</i></p>
Store and Forward Reimbursement	
<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"> • Physicians • Registered professional nurse • Advanced practice registered nurse • Genetic counselor certified by the American board of genetic counseling • Diabetes educator certified by the national certification board for diabetes <p>Eligible facilities under this law include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Critical access hospital • Hospice • Hospital • Long-term care facility • Mental health center • Outpatient center for primary care • Outpatient center for surgical services <p><i>Source: MT Code Sec. 33-22-138.</i></p>	<p>No reference found.</p>
Remote Patient Monitoring Reimbursement	
<p>No reference found.</p>	<p>No reference found.</p>

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Email/Phone/FAX	
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 & 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 Aug. 2016).</i>
Online Prescribing	
No reference found.	No reference found.
Consent	
No reference found.	No reference found.
Location	
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., p 5.14 (Aug. 2015). (Accessed Aug. 2016).</i>
Cross-State Licensing	
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.
Private Payers	
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.
Site/Transmission Fee	
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). (Accessed Aug. 2016).</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 & Federally Qualified Health Center, p. 5.1 (Mar. 2015). (Accessed Aug. 2016).</i>
Miscellaneous	

Comments:

Professional Board Telehealth-Specific Regulations

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