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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>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>Telemedicine is the use of interactive audio-video equipment to link practitioners and patients located at different sites.</p> <p><i>Source: MT Dept. of Public Health and Human Svcs., Medicaid and Medical Assistance Programs Manual, General Information for Providers, Sec. 5.1 (Jan. 2017). (Accessed Mar. 2017).</i></p> <p>Healthy Montana Kids</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. Jan. 1, 2016), p. 11. (Accessed Mar. 2017)</i></p>
Live Video Reimbursement	
<p>Private payers are required to provide coverage for services delivered through live video, equivalent to in-person coverage.</p>	<p>MT Medicaid reimburses for medically necessary telemedicine services to eligible members. Providers must be enrolled in Medicaid.</p>

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<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 • Dentists & Dental Hygienists (Effective Jan. 1, 2018) <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>Members should establish relationships with primary care providers who are available on a face-to-face basis.</p> <p>The originating and distant providers may not be within the same facility or community. The same provider may not be the pay to for both the originating and distance provider.</p> <p><i>Source: MT Dept. of Public Health and Human Svcs., Medicaid and Medical Assistance Programs Manual, General Information for Providers, Sec. 5.1 (Jan. 2017).</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 (Nov. 2016). (Accessed Mar. 2017).</i></p> <p><u>Healthy Montana Kids</u> Services provided by telemedicine are allowed.</p> <p><i>Source: MT Children’s health Insurance Plan, Healthy Montana Kids (HMK). Evidence of Coverage (Eff. Jan. 1, 2016), p. 29. (Accessed Mar. 2017).</i></p> <p>Telehealth services are available for Speech Therapy.</p> <p><i>Source: MT Dept. of Public Health and Human Svcs., Medicaid and Medical Assistance Programs Manual, Therapies Manual, p 2.6 (Apr. 2017). (Accessed Mar. 2017).</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 	<p>No reference found.</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outpatient center for surgical services <p><i>Source: MT Code Sec. 33-22-138.</i></p>	
Remote Patient Monitoring Reimbursement	
No reference found.	No reference found.
Email/Phone/FAX	
<p>No Email No Phone No Fax</p> <p><i>Source: MT Code Sec. 33-22-138.</i></p>	<p>Telemedicine reimbursement does not include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consultation by telephone Facsimile machine transmissions Crisis hotlines <p><i>Source: MT Dept. of Public Health and Human Svcs., Medicaid and Medical Assistance Programs Manual, General Information for Providers, Sec. 5.1 (Jan. 2017).</i></p> <p>No reimbursement for telephone services in home.</p> <p><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 (Jul. 2016); Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy and Speech Therapy, (Apr. 2017), p. 10; Hospital Outpatient Services, (Jan. 2016), p. 11; Hospital Inpatient Services, (Jan. 2016), p. 20. (Accessed Mar. 2017).</i></p>
Online Prescribing	
No reference found.	No reference found.
Consent	
No reference found.	No reference found.
Location	
No reference found.	<p>Telemedicine can be provided in member's residence; the distance provider is responsible for the confidentiality requirements. No originating provider reimbursement in this case.</p> <p>The originating and distant providers may not be within the same facility or community.</p> <p><i>Source: MT Dept. of Public Health and Human Svcs., Medicaid and Medical Assistance Programs Manual, General Information for Providers, Sec. 5.1 (Jan. 2017).</i></p> <p>The place of service is considered to be the location of the provider providing the telemedicine service.</p> <p><i>Source: MT Dept. of Public Health and Human Svcs., Medicaid and Medical Assistance Programs Manual, Physician Related Svcs., p 5.13 (Nov. 2016). (Accessed Mar. 2017).</i></p> <p>Effective Jan. 1, 2017 the new place of service code is "02".</p> <p><i>Source: MT Dept. of Public Health and Human Svcs., Program Notice. Feb. 7, 2017.</i></p>

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Cross-State Licensing	
<p>Montana adopted the Federation of State Medical Board (FSMB)'s model language for an interstate medical licensure compact.</p> <p><i>Source: MT House Bill 429.</i></p>	<p>Providers must be licensed in the state of Montana.</p> <p><i>Source: MT Dept. of Public Health and Human Svcs., Medicaid and Medical Assistance Programs Manual, General Information for Providers, Sec. 5.1 (Jan. 2017).</i></p>
Private Payers	
<p>Private payers are required to provide coverage for services delivered through telemedicine, equivalent to in-person coverage.</p> <p><i>Source: MT Code Sec. 33-22-138.</i></p>	<p>No reference found.</p>
Site/Transmission Fee	
<p>No reference found.</p>	<p>The following provider types can bill the originating site fee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outpatient hospital • Critical access hospital • Federally qualified health center • Rural health center • Indian health service • Physician • Psychiatrist • Mid-levels • Dieticians • Psychologists • Licensed clinical social worker • Licensed professional counselor • Mental health center • Chemical dependency clinic • Group/clinic • Public health clinic • Family planning clinic <p><i>Source: MT Dept. of Public Health and Human Svcs., Medicaid and Medical Assistance Programs Manual, General Information for Providers, Sec. 5.1 (Jan. 2017).</i></p> <p>No reimbursement for network use charges.</p> <p><i>Source: MT Dept. of Public Health and Human Svcs., Medicaid and Medical Assistance Programs Manual, Physician Related Svcs., pg. 21 (Nov. 2016). (Accessed Mar. 2017).</i></p> <p>FQHCs and RHCs can bill a telehealth originating site code if applicable.</p> <p><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 (Jul. 2016). (Accessed Mar. 2017).</i></p>
Miscellaneous	
	<p>Confidentially requirements apply (see manual).</p>

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	<i>Source: MT Dept. of Public Health and Human Svcs., Medicaid and Medical Assistance Programs Manual, General Information for Providers, Sec. 5.2 (Jan. 2017).</i>

Comments:**Professional Board Telehealth-Specific Regulations**

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