

# Iowa

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<b>Definition of telemedicine/telehealth</b>	
<p>“Telemedicine means use of a telecommunications system for diagnostic, clinical, consultative, data, and educational services for the delivery of health care services or related health care activities by licensed health care professionals, licensed medical professionals, and staff who function under the direction of a physician, a licensed health care professional, or hospital, for the purpose of developing a comprehensive, statewide telemedicine network or education.”</p> <p><i>Source: IA Admin. Code, 751 7.1(8D).</i></p> <p><b>Private payers (effective Jan. 1, 2019):</b>          “Telehealth means the delivery of health care services through the use of interactive audio and video. Telehealth does not include the delivery of health care services through an audio-only telephone, electronic mail message, or facsimile transmission.”</p> <p><i>Source: IA Code 514C.32; House File 2305 (2018).</i></p>	<p>No reference found.</p>
<b>Live Video Reimbursement</b>	
<p>Department of Human Services is required to adopt rules to provide telehealth coverage under Medicaid. Such rules must provide that in-person contact between a health care professional and a patient is not required as a prerequisite for payment.</p> <p><i>Source: IA Senate File 505 (2015).</i></p>	<p>In person contact between a health care professional and patient is not required for payment for services otherwise covered and appropriately provided through telehealth as long as it meets the generally accepted health care practices and standards prevailing in the applicable professional community.</p> <p>Services provided in-person or through telehealth shall be treated as equivalent for purposes of reimbursement.</p> <p><i>Source: IA Admin Code Sec. 441, 78.55 (249A).</i></p>
<b>Store and Forward Reimbursement</b>	
<p>No reference found.</p>	<p>No reference found.</p>

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<b>Remote Patient Monitoring Reimbursement</b>	
No reference found.	No reference found.
<b>Email/Phone/FAX</b>	
<p>Telehealth does not include the delivery of health care services through an audio-only telephone, electronic mail message, or facsimile transmission.”</p> <p><i>Source: IA Code 514C.32; House File 2305 (2018).</i></p>	No reference found.
<b>Online Prescribing</b>	
<p>Pharmacists are prohibited from dispensing prescription drugs if the pharmacist knows or should have known that the prescription was issued solely on the basis of an Internet-based questionnaire, an Internet-based consult, or a telephone consult, and was completed without a pre-existing patient-provider relationship.</p> <p><i>Source: IA Admin. Code, 657 8.19(124,126,155A) (2012).</i></p> <p>A physician must be physically present with a woman at the time an abortion-inducing drug is provided.</p> <p><i>Source: IA Admin. Code, 653 13.10.</i></p>	No reference found.
<b>Consent</b>	
No reference found.	No reference found.
<b>Location</b>	
No reference found.	No reference found.
<b>Cross-State Licensing</b>	
<p>Iowa adopted the Federation of State Medical Board (FSMB)’s model language for an interstate medical licensure compact.</p> <p><i>Source: IA Code 147B.1; House File 2305 (2015)</i></p>	No reference found.
<b>Private Payers</b>	
<p>Policies, contracts, or plans providing third-party payment or prepayment of health or medical expenses must cover health care services provided via telehealth if those services would be provided in-person, are appropriate, and follow applicable laws and professional regulations. (Effective Jan. 1, 2019).</p> <p><i>Source: IA House File 2305 (2018).</i></p>	No reference found.
<b>Site/Transmission Fee</b>	
No reference found.	No reference found.
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	
The legislative council was requested to establish a study committee for the 2017 interim to examine issues	Iowa Medicaid uses the 02 POS code adopted by Medicare.

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relating to telehealth parity for private insurers and state employee health plans.  <i>Source: HF 653 (2017), Division XXI, Sec. 95.</i>	<i>Source: IAC 441-79.1</i>

**Comments:**

Professional Board Telehealth-Specific Regulations

- IA Board of Medicine (*Source: IA Admin Code Sec. 653.13.11*)
- IA Board of Physical and Occupational Therapists (*Source: IA Admin Code Sec. 645-201.3 & 645-208.3*)