

# New Jersey

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<b>Definition of telemedicine/telehealth</b>	
<p>Telemedicine means the delivery of a health care service using electronic communications, information technology, or other electronic or technological means to bridge the gap between a health care provider who is located at a distant site and a patient who is located at an originating site, either with or without the assistance of an intervening health care provider. Telemedicine does not include the use, in isolation, of audio-only telephone conversation, electronic mail, instant messaging, phone text or facsimile transmission.</p> <p>Telehealth means the use of information and communications technologies, including telephones, remote patient monitoring devices or other electronic means to support clinical health care, provider consultation, patient and professional health related education, public health, health administration and other services.</p> <p><i>Source: NJ Statute C.45:1-61 (SB 291-2017).</i></p>	<p>No reference found.</p>
<b>Live Video Reimbursement</b>	
<p>NJ Medicaid must provide coverage and payment for telemedicine or telehealth delivered services. Reimbursement rate may not exceed the rate of in-person contact.</p> <p>The commissioner will apply for a State Plan amendment as necessary to implement this.</p> <p><i>Source: NJ Statute C.30:4D-6k.</i></p> <p>For the Screening and Outreach Program, designed to provide clinical assessment and crisis stabilization services to consumers, a psychiatric assessment may be completed through use of telepsychiatry, provided that the screening service has a Division-approved plan setting forth its policies and procedures for providing a</p>	<p>Telepsychiatry may be utilized by mental health clinics and/or hospital providers of outpatient mental health services to meet their physician related requirements including but not limited to intake evaluations, periodic psychiatric evaluations, medication management and/or psychotherapy sessions for clients of any age.</p> <p>Before any telepsychiatry services can be provided, each participating program must establish related policies and procedures.</p> <p><i>Source: NJ Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services. Newsletter. Vol. 23, No. 21, December 2013 (accessed Apr. 2018).</i></p>

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<p>psychiatric assessment via telepsychiatry that meets certain criteria (see regulation).</p> <p><i>Source: NJAC 10:31-2.3.</i></p>	
<b>Store and Forward Reimbursement</b>	
<p>Insurers and NJ Medicaid must provide reimbursement for telemedicine or telehealth. Store and forward is not explicitly included, but could fit into these definitions.</p> <p><i>Source: NJ Statute C.30:4D-6k.</i></p>	No reference found.
<b>Remote Patient Monitoring Reimbursement</b>	
<p>Insurers and NJ Medicaid must provide reimbursement for telemedicine or telehealth. Remote patient monitoring included within definition of telehealth.</p> <p><i>Source: NJ Statute C.30:4D-6k.</i></p>	No reference found.
<b>Email/Phone/FAX</b>	
<p>Telemedicine does not include the use, in isolation, of audio-only telephone conversation, electronic mail, instant messaging, phone text or facsimile transmission.</p> <p>Telehealth means the use of information and communications technologies, including telephones,</p> <p><i>Source: NJ Statute C.45:1-61 (SB 291-2017).</i></p>	No reference found.
<b>Online Prescribing</b>	
<p>The prescription of Schedule II controlled substances through telemedicine or telehealth is authorized only after an initial in person examination, and subsequent in person visit with the patient every three months for the duration of prescription. Does not apply when prescribing stimulant for use by a minor provided by live video when treating the patient and the health care provider has obtained written consent for the waiver form the minor patient's parent or guardian.</p> <p><i>Source: NJ Statute C.45:1-62.</i></p> <p>A provider patient relationship shall include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Properly identifying the patient</li> <li>• Disclosing and validating the provider's identity and credentials</li> <li>• Review of patient's medical records, prior to initiating contact.</li> <li>• Determining whether the provider will be able to meet the standard of care, prior to initiating contact.</li> </ul> <p>See statute for exceptions.</p>	<p>A psychiatrist or psychiatric APN must be licensed in the State of New Jersey.</p> <p><i>Source: NJ Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services. Newsletter. Vol. 23, No. 21, December 2013 (accessed Apr. 2018).</i></p>

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<i>Source: NJ Statute C.45:1-63.</i>	
<b>Consent</b>	
No reference found.	<p>Informed consent is required for telepsychiatry.</p> <p><i>Source: NJ Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services. Newsletter. Vol. 23, No. 21, December 2013 (accessed Apr. 2018).</i></p>
<b>Location</b>	
No reference found.	No reference found.
<b>Cross-State Licensing</b>	
<p>Must be licensed in the State of New Jersey. Subject to New Jersey jurisdiction if either the patient or the provider is located in NJ at the item services are provided.</p> <p><i>Source: NJ Statute C.45:1-62.</i></p>	No reference found.
<b>Private Payers</b>	
<p>Insurers must provide coverage and payment for health services delivered through telemedicine or telehealth. Reimbursement rate may not exceed the provider reimbursement rate for in-person contact.</p> <p><i>Source: NJ Statute C.26:2S-29.</i></p>	No reference found.
<b>Site/Transmission Fee</b>	
No reference found.	No reference found.
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	
<p>Each telehealth or telemedicine organization operating in the State shall annually register with the Department of Health and submit an annual report. See statute for details.</p> <p>Six months after the effective date, a Telemedicine and Telehealth Review Commission will be established which will review reports and make recommendations.</p> <p><i>Source: NJ Statute C.45:1-65.</i></p> <p>Telemedicine practice standards indicate live video is allowed. Store and forward allowed when used in combination with two way audio without video, if after assessing and reviewing the patient's medical records, the provider determines that the provider is able to meet the same standard of care as if the health care service was being provided in person.</p> <p>See statute for additional telemedicine/telehealth practice standards.</p>	

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<i>Source: NJ Statute C.45:1-62.</i>	

Comments: New Jersey's Medicaid Program is managed care, with five participating health plans. The health plans may or may not have their own telehealth related policies.

*Source: NJ Medicaid & Managed Care. Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services. (Accessed Apr. 2018)*