

Vermont

Medicaid Program: Vermont Medicaid

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Definition of telemedicine/telehealth	
<p>"Telemedicine means the delivery of health care services such as diagnosis, consultation, or treatment through the use of live interactive audio and video over a secure connection that meets Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) requirements. Telemedicine does not include the use of audio-only telephone, e-mail, or facsimile."</p> <p><i>Source: VT Statutes Annotated, Title 8 Sec. 4100k (2012).</i></p>	<p>Telemedicine is defined in Act 64 as "...the delivery of health care services...through the use of live interactive audio and video over a secure connection that complies with the requirements the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, Public Law 104-191. Telemedicine does not include the use of audio-only telephone, e-mail, or facsimile."</p> <p><i>Source: Dept. of VT Health Access, Green Mountain Care Provider Manual, p. 103 (March 2018). (Accessed Apr. 2018).</i></p>
Live Video Reimbursement	
<p>Private payers must reimburse for live video.</p> <p><i>Source: VT Statutes Annotated, Title 8 Sec. 4100k (2012).</i></p> <p>In order to facilitate the use of telemedicine in treating substance use disorder, when the originating site is a health care facility, health insurers and the Department of Vermont Health Access shall ensure that the health care provider the distant site and the health care facility at the originating site are both reimbursed for the services rendered, unless the health care providers at both the distant and originating sites are employed by the same entity.</p> <p><i>Source: VT Statutes Annotated, Title 8 Sec. 4100k No. 173 (2016).</i></p> <p>(See "Private Payers" section)</p>	<p>Live video is reimbursed for clinically appropriate services delivered through telemedicine outside a health care facility or from facility to facility.</p> <p>Provider eligibility requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medicaid-enrolled provider <p>Providers providing live telemedicine services are required to use GT modifier.</p> <p>02 place of service code must be on all claims.</p> <p><i>Source: Dept. of VT Health Access, Green Mountain Care Provider Manual, p. 103 (March 2018). (Accessed Apr. 2018). http://www.vtmedicaid.com/assets/manuals/VTMedicaidProviderManual.pdf</i></p>
Store and Forward Reimbursement	
<p>Allows, but doesn't require, reimbursement for tele-ophthalmology and tele-dermatology.</p> <p><i>Source: VT Statutes Annotated, Title 8 Sec. 4100k (2012).</i></p>	<p>No reimbursement for tele-ophthalmology or tele-dermatology by store and forward.</p> <p><i>Source: Dept. of VT Health Access, Green Mountain Care Provider Manual, p. 103 (March 2018). (Accessed Apr. 2018)</i></p>
Remote Patient Monitoring Reimbursement	
<p>VT Medicaid is required to cover home telemonitoring</p>	<p>Home telemonitoring is a Medicaid benefit.</p>

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<p>services performed by home health agencies or other qualified providers for beneficiaries who have serious or chronic medical conditions.</p> <p><i>Source: VT Statutes Annotated Title 33 Sec. 1901k).</i></p>	<p>Qualified providers are home health agencies enrolled with Vermont Medicaid.</p> <p>The following healthcare professionals can review data:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registered nurse • Nurse practitioner • Clinical nurse specialist • Licensed practice nurse under supervision of RN • Physician assistant <p><i>Source: Code of VT Rules Sec. 13-170-770 & Dept. of VT Health Access, Green Mountain Care Provider Manual, p. 138-139 (March 2018). (Accessed Apr. 2018)</i></p> <p>Individuals receiving Medicaid telemonitoring must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have Medicaid as primary insurance or be dually eligible with non-home bound status; and • Have congestive heart failure; and • Be clinically eligible for home health services; and • Have a physician's plan of care with an order for telemonitoring services <p><i>Source: Dept. of VT Health Access, Green Mountain Care Provider Manual, p. 137 (March 2018). (Accessed Apr. 2018).</i></p>
Email/Phone/FAX	
<p>No reimbursement for email. No reimbursement for telephone. No reimbursement for FAX.</p> <p><i>Source: VT Statutes Annotated, Title 8 Sec. 4100k (2012).</i></p>	<p>No reimbursement for email. No reimbursement for telephone. No reimbursement for FAX.</p> <p><i>Source: Dept. of VT Health Access, Green Mountain Care Provider Manual, p. 103 (March 2018). (Accessed Apr. 2018)</i></p>
Online Prescribing	
<p>Providers may prescribe, dispense, or administer drugs or medical supplies, or otherwise provide treatment recommendations if they first examine the patient in person or by the use of instrumentation and diagnostic equipment through which images and medical records may be transmitted electronically.</p> <p>Treatment recommendations made via electronic means, including issuing a prescription via electronic means, shall be held to the same standards of appropriate practice as those in traditional provider-patient settings.</p> <p><i>Source: VT Statutes Annotated, Title 18 Sec. 9361 (2012).</i></p>	<p>No reference found.</p>
Consent	
<p>A health care provider delivering health care services through telemedicine must obtain and document a patient's oral or written informed consent.</p>	<p>No reference found.</p>

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<p><i>Source: VT Statutes Annotated, Title 8 Sec. 4100k</i></p> <p>Originating site providers must obtain consent for store and forward tele-ophthalmology or tele-dermatology.</p> <p>Patients will be informed of the right to receive a consult with the distant-site provider, and will receive one, upon request, either at the time of the consult, or within a reasonable time after notification of the results of the initial consult.</p> <p>Receiving tele-dermatology or tele-ophthalmology services by store and forward shall not preclude a patient from receiving real-time telemedicine, or face-to-face services with the distant site provider at a future date.</p> <p><i>Source: VT Statutes Annotated, Title 18 Sec. 9361 (2012).</i></p>	
Location	
<p><u>Recently Amended</u></p> <p>An originating site is the location of the patient, whether or not accompanied by a health care provider, at the time services are provided by a health care provider through telemedicine, including a health care provider's office, a hospital, or a health care facility, or the patient's home or another nonmedical environment such as a school-based health center, a university-based health center or patient's workplace.</p> <p><i>Source: VT Statutes Annotated, Title 8 Sec. 4100k</i></p>	<p>Certain primary care services may be provided outside of a health care facility.</p> <p><i>Source: VT Bill S. 139 (2015).</i></p>
Cross-State Licensing	
No reference found.	No reference found.
Private Payers	
<p>Requires coverage of health care services delivered through telemedicine, subject to contract terms and conditions.</p> <p><i>Source: VT Statutes Annotated, Title 8 Sec. 4100k.</i></p>	No reference found.
Site/Transmission Fee	
No reference found.	<p>A facility fee isn't reimbursed if the facility site provider is employed by the same entity as the distant site provider.</p> <p><i>Dept. of VT Health Access, Green Mountain Care Provider Manual, p. 103 (March 2018). (Accessed Apr. 2018).</i></p>
Miscellaneous	
The Department of Vermont Health Access is required to reimburse the hosting facility for services rendered.	The Department of Vermont Health Access and the Green Mountain Care Board is tasked with considering the implementation of pilot projects using telemedicine.

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<p><i>Source: VT Statutes Annotated, Title 8 Sec. 4100k No. 173 (2016)</i> http://legislature.vermont.gov/statutes/section/08/107/04100k</p>	<p>Among other things, the pilot project should consider the scope of services that should be provided using telemedicine outside of a health care facility including possibly equipping home health agency nurses with tools needed to provide telemedicine during home health visits.</p> <p><i>Source: VT Act. No. 40 (S. 88).</i></p>