

Florida

Medicaid Program: Florida Medicaid

Program Administrator: Florida Dept. of Children and Families

Regional Telehealth Resource Center: Southeast Telehealth Resource Center

Covers the States of: Alabama, Florida, Georgia & South Carolina

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Medicaid Telehealth Reimbursement	Summary	<p>FL Medicaid reimburses for real time interactive telemedicine according to administrative code, but Medicaid Manuals only indicate reimbursement in Community Behavioral Health Services. No reference was found in regards to reimbursement for store-and-forward or remote patient monitoring.</p>	
	Definitions	<p>Telemedicine is “the use of telecommunication and information technology to provide clinical care to individuals at a distance, and to transmit the information needed to provide that care.”</p> <p>Source: FL Dept. of Health, Child Protection Team Program, Program Handbook, p.79 (Jun. 2015). (Accessed Apr. 2018). FL may no longer be utilizing this handbook definition of telehealth. Refer to Admin Code 59G-1.057.</p>	
	Live Video	Policy	<p>Some telemedicine services reimbursed in the Community Behavioral Health Services, per the Fee Schedule.</p> <p>Source: Community Behavioral Health Services Fee Schedule. Jan. 1, 2017. (Accessed Sept. 2018).</p> <p>FL Medicaid reimburses for real time interactive telemedicine.</p> <p>Source: FL Admin Code 59G-1.057.</p>
		Eligible Services / Specialties	<p>Some telemedicine services reimbursed in the Community Behavioral Health Services, per the Fee Schedule.</p> <p>Source: Community Behavioral Health Services Fee Schedule. Jan. 1, 2017. (Accessed Sept. 2018).</p>

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Live Video	Eligible Providers	No reference found.
	Eligible Sites	No reference found.
	Geographic Limits	No reference found.
	Facility/Transmission Fee	No reference found.
Store-and-Forward	Policy	No reference found.
	Eligible Services/Specialties	No reference found.

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Live Video	Geographic Limits	No reference found.
	Transmission Fee	No reference found.
Remote Patient Monitoring	Policy	No reference found.
	Conditions	No reference found.
	Provider Limitations	No reference found.
	Other Restrictions	No reference found.

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Email / Phone / Fax	<p>No reimbursement for telephone, chart review, electronic mail messages or facsimile transmissions.</p> <p>Source: <i>FL Admin Code 59G-1.057.</i></p>
Consent	<p>No reference found.</p>
Out of State Providers	<p>No reference found.</p>
Miscellaneous	<p>Florida created a Telehealth Advisory Council for purpose of making recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature about telehealth.</p> <p>The state's Agency for Health Care Administration, the Department of Health (DOH) and the Office of the Insurance Regulation was also required to survey FL providers on their utilization of telehealth.</p> <p>Source: <i>FL Report on Telehealth Utilization and Accessibility. Dec. 2016. (Accessed Apr. 2018).</i></p> <p>In 1998, the Child Protection Team (CPT) Program implemented a telemedicine network that links CPT teams with remote or satellite CPT offices, or local facilities, such as hospital emergency rooms, county health departments, or child advocacy centers, to facilitate telemedicine assessments for abuse, abandonment, and neglect of children in remote or rural areas.</p> <p>Only specially trained CPT physicians, advanced registered nurse practitioners or physician assistants can perform these exams. And only specifically trained registered nurses at presenting sites may participate in the exam.</p> <p>Source: <i>Florida Department of Health, Child Protection Team Program, Policy and Procedure Handbook, p. 30 (Jun. 2015). (Accessed Apr. 2018).</i></p> <p>Florida Children's Medical Services (CMS) is a collection of programs for special needs children. CMS' Telemedicine Program services are provided by approved CMS Network providers to Medicaid children enrolled in CMS. Eligible sites are limited.</p> <p>Source: <i>Florida Children's Medical Services, Families, Health Services (Accessed Apr. 2018).</i></p>

Private Payer Laws	Definitions	No reference found.	
	Requirements	No reference found.	
	Parity	Service Parity	No reference found.
		Payment Parity	No reference found.
Professional Regulation/Health & Safety	Definitions	<p>“Telemedicine means the practice of medicine by a licensed Florida physician or physician assistant where patient care, treatment, or services are provided through the use of medical information exchanged from one site to another via electronic communications. Telemedicine shall not include the provision of health care services only through an audio only telephone, email messages, text messages, and facsimile transmission.</p> <p>Source: <i>FL Admin Code 64B8-9.0141 & 64B15-14.0081.</i></p>	
	Consent	No reference found.	

Online Prescribing

Controlled substances shall not be prescribed through the use of telemedicine, except for the treatment of psychiatric disorders.

Exception: physicians can order controlled substances through the use of telemedicine for patients hospitalized in a facility licensed pursuant to Ch. 395, F.S.

Prescribing medication solely on the basis of an electronic medical questionnaire is not allowed.

A physician-patient relationship may be established through telemedicine.

Source: *FL Admin Code 64B8-9.0141 & 64B15-14.0081.*

Prior to e-prescribing, physicians and physician assistants must document a patient evaluation, including history and physical examination, to establish the diagnosis for which any drug is prescribed, and discuss treatment options with the patient.

These rules don't apply in emergency situations.

Source: *FL Admin. Code 64B8-9.014.*

Cross State Licensing

Member of the Nurses Licensure Compact.

Source: *Current NLC States & Status. Nurse Licensure Compact. (Accessed. Sept. 2018.)*

Miscellaneous

At the time of license renewal all practitioners must fill out a Telehealth Practitioner Survey.

Source: *FL Admin Code 64B8-9.008.*

Professional Board Telehealth-Specific Regulations

- FL Board of Medicine (**Source:** *FL Admin Code 64B8-9.0141*).
- FL Board of Osteopathic Medicine (**Source:** *FL Admin Code 64B15-14.0081*).

