

Kansas

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Medicaid Telehealth Reimbursement

Summary

Kansas Medicaid covers live video telemedicine for certain services. Additionally, they also cover remote patient monitoring that is in real-time through home health agencies and with prior authorization.

A recently passed piece of legislation (HB 2028) requires all insurers (including Medicaid) to cover medically necessary services, subject to the terms and conditions of the contract. Medicaid specifically must provide reimbursement for speech language pathology services and audiology services. However, the bill does not go into effect until Jan. 1, 2019.

Definitions

“Telemedicine is the use of communication equipment to link health care practitioners and patients in different locations. This technology is used by health care providers for many reasons, including increased cost efficiency, reduced transportation expenses, improved patient access to specialists and mental health providers, improved quality of care, and better communication among providers.”

Source: *KS Dept. of Health and Environment, Kansas Medical Assistance Program, Provider Manual, General Benefits, p. 2-28 (Jun 2018). (Accessed Sept. 2018).*

Recently Approved Legislation (Effective Jan. 1, 2019)

“Telemedicine,” including “telehealth,” means the delivery of healthcare services or consultations while the patient is at an originating site and the healthcare provider is at a distant site. Telemedicine shall be provided by means of real-time two-way interactive audio, visual, or audio-visual communications, including the application of secure video conferencing or store-and-forward technology to provide or support healthcare delivery, that facilitate the assessment, diagnosis, consultation, treatment, education and care management of a patient’s healthcare. “Telemedicine” does not include communication between:

- (A) Healthcare providers that consist solely of a telephone voice-only conversation, email or facsimile transmission; or
- (B) a physician and a patient that consists solely of an email or facsimile transmission.

Source: *KS HB 2028 (2018).*

Recently Approved Legislation (Effective Jan. 1, 2019)

Insurers (including Medicaid) cannot exclude from coverage a service solely because the service is provided through telemedicine, rather than in-person contact or based upon the lack of a commercial office for the practice of medicine, when such service is delivered by a healthcare provider.

Source: *KS HB 2028 (2018).*

Kansas Medicaid will reimburse for live video for certain services.

Source: *KS Dept. of Health and Environment, Kansas Medical Assistance Program, Provider Manual, General Benefits, p. 2-28 (Jun 2018). (Accessed Sept. 2018).*

Eligible services:

- Office visits;
- Individual psychotherapy;
- Pharmacological management services.

Required for services provided on or before December 31, 2017. Patient must be present at originating site.

See manual for list of acceptable CPT codes. Telemedicine will be reimbursed at the same rate as face-to-face services.

KMAP does not recognize CPT Codes 99241-99245 and 99251-99255.

Source: *KS Dept. of Health and Environment, Kansas Medical Assistance Program, Provider Manual, General Benefits, p. 2-28 (Jun 2018). (Accessed Sept. 2018).*

Mental health assessment can be delivered either face-to-face or through telemedicine.

Source: *KS Dept. of Health and Environment, Kansas Medical Assistance Program, Provider Manual, General Benefits, p. 8-8 (Jul. 2018). (Accessed Sept. 2018).*

Recently Approved Legislation (Effective Jan. 1, 2019)

Kansas Medicaid is required to provide coverage for speech-language pathology services and audiology services provided by a speech-language pathologist or audiologist licensed by Kansas Department of Aging and Disability Services. The Department of Health and Environment is required to prepare an impact report that assesses the financial and social effects of this coverage on or before January 13, 2020.

Source: *KS HB 2028 (2018).*

No reference found.

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Live Video	Eligible Sites	No reference found.
	Geographic Limits	No reference found.
	Facility/Transmission Fee	<p>The originating site may bill code Q3014 for the originating site fee with the appropriate POS code.</p> <p>Source: <i>KS Dept. of Health and Environment, Kansas Medical Assistance Program, Provider Manual, General Benefits, p. 2-28 (Jun. 2018). (Accessed Sept. 2018).</i></p>
Store-and-Forward	Policy	<p>Kansas Medicaid requires the patient to be present at the originating site indicating store-and-forward will not be reimbursed.</p> <p>Source: <i>KS Dept. of Health and Environment, Kansas Medical Assistance Program, Provider Manual, General Benefits, p. 2-29 (June. 2018). (Accessed Sept. 2018).</i></p>
	Eligible Services/Specialties	No reference found.

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Store-and-Forward	Geographic Limits	No reference found.
	Transmission Fee	No reference found.
Remote Patient Monitoring	Policy	<p>Kansas Medicaid will reimburse for home telehealth. The policy states:</p> <p>“Home telehealth uses real-time, interactive, audio/video telecommunication equipment to monitor patients in the home setting, as opposed to a nurse visiting the home. This technology may be used to monitor the beneficiary for significant changes in health status, provide timely assessment of chronic conditions and provide other skilled nursing services.”</p> <p>Source: Dept. of Health and Environment, Kansas Medical Assistance Program, Provider Manual, Home Health, p. 8-28 (Feb 2018). (Accessed Sept. 2018).</p>
	Conditions	<p>Providers may use T1030 and T1031 for the provision of telehealth visits to assist beneficiaries in managing their diabetes.</p> <p>Source: Dept. of Health and Environment, Kansas Medical Assistance Program, Provider Manual, Home Health, p. AIII-6. (Feb 2018). (Accessed Sept. 2018).</p>
	Provider Limitations	<p>Services must be provided by a registered nurse or licensed practical nurse. Agencies may bill skilled nursing services on the same date of service as telehealth services.</p> <p>Source: Dept. of Health and Environment, Kansas Medical Assistance Program, Provider Manual, Home Health, p. 8-28 (Feb 2018). (Accessed Sept. 2018).</p>

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Remote Patient Monitoring	Other Restrictions	<p>Providers must submit literature to the fiscal agent’s Provider Enrollment team pertaining to the telecommunication equipment the agency has chosen that will allow thorough physical assessments such as: assessment of edema, rashes, bruising, skin conditions, and other significant changes in health status.</p> <p>Providers must enroll and satisfy demonstration requirements to be enrolled.</p> <p>Providers are eligible for reimbursement of home telehealth services that meet the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prescribed by a physician; • Considered medically necessary; • Signed beneficiary consent for telehealth services; • Skilled nursing service; • Does not exceed program limitations (two visits per week for non-Home and Community Based Services beneficiaries) <p>Prior authorization required.</p> <p>Source: Dept. of Health and Environment, Kansas Medical Assistance Program, Provider Manual, Home Health, p. AIII-18 to 19. (Feb 2018). (Accessed Sept. 2018).</p> <p>HCBS beneficiaries eligible for face-to-face skilled nursing visits provided by a home health agency may receive home telehealth visits with documentation of medical necessity and prior authorization (PA). The PA must include units to cover the duration and frequency of home telehealth visits.</p> <p>Oral medication administration or monitoring is not considered skilled care.</p> <p>Source: Dept. of Health and Environment, Kansas Medical Assistance Program, Provider Manual, Home Health, p. AIII-8. (Feb 2018). (Accessed Sept. 2018).</p>
Email / Phone / Fax		<p>No reimbursement for email. No reimbursement for telephone.</p> <p>No reimbursement for FAX.</p> <p>Source: KS Dept. of Health and Environment, Kansas Medical Assistance Program, Provider Manual, General Benefits, p. 2-29 (Jun. 2018). (Accessed . 2018).</p>
Consent		<p>Written consent for telehealth home services is required.</p> <p>Source: KS Dept. of Health and Environment, Kansas Medical Assistance Program, Provider Manual, Home Health Agency, p. AIII-19 (Feb 2018) (Accessed Sept. 2018).</p>

Medicaid Telehealth Reimbursement	Out of State Providers	No reference found.
	Miscellaneous	No reference found.
Private Payer Laws	Definitions	<p>Recently Passed Legislation (Effective Jan. 1, 2019)</p> <p>“Telemedicine,” including “telehealth,” means the delivery of healthcare services or consultations while the patient is at an originating site and the healthcare provider is at a distant site. Telemedicine shall be provided by means of real-time two-way interactive audio, visual, or audio-visual communications, including the application of secure video conferencing or store-and-forward technology to provide or support healthcare delivery, that facilitate the assessment, diagnosis, consultation, treatment, education and care management of a patient’s healthcare. “Telemedicine” does not include communication between:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (A) Healthcare providers that consist solely of a telephone voice-only conversation, email or facsimile transmission; or (B) a physician and a patient that consists solely of an email or facsimile transmission. <p>Source: <i>KS HB 2028 (2018).</i></p>
	Requirements	<p>Insurers cannot exclude from coverage a service solely because the service is provided through telemedicine, rather than in-person contact or based upon the lack of a commercial office for the practice of medicine, when such service is delivered by a healthcare provider.</p> <p>No additional documentation for telemedicine is required.</p> <p>Source: <i>KS HB 2028 (2018).</i></p>
	Parity	Service Parity

Private Payer Laws	Parity	Payment Parity	<p>Payment for covered services delivered through telemedicine may be established by an insurance company, nonprofit health service corporation, nonprofit medical and hospital service corporation or health maintenance organization in the same manner as payment or reimbursement for covered services that are delivered via in-person contact are established.</p> <p>Source: <i>KS HB 2028 (2018).</i></p>
Professional Regulation/Health & Safety	Definitions	<p>Recently Passed Legislation (Effective Jan. 1, 2019)</p> <p>“Telemedicine,” including “telehealth,” means the delivery of healthcare services or consultations while the patient is at an originating site and the healthcare provider is at a distant site. Telemedicine shall be provided by means of real-time two-way interactive audio, visual, or audio-visual communications, including the application of secure video conferencing or store-and-forward technology to provide or support healthcare delivery, that facilitate the assessment, diagnosis, consultation, treatment, education and care management of a patient’s health-care. “Telemedicine” does not include communication between:</p> <p>(A) Healthcare providers that consist solely of a telephone voice-only conversation, email or facsimile transmission; or</p> <p>(B) a physician and a patient that consists solely of an email or facsimile transmission.</p> <p>Source: <i>KS HB 2028 (2018).</i></p>	
	Consent	<p>No reference found.</p>	
	Online Prescribing	<p>Physicians must have a pre-existing patient-prescriber relationship. Physicians are prohibited from prescribing drugs on the basis of an internet-based questionnaire or consult, or telephone consult.</p> <p>Source: <i>KS Admin. Regs., Sec. 68-2-20.</i></p> <p>Telemedicine may be used to establish a valid provider-patient relationship.</p> <p>The State Board of Healing Arts in consultation with the state board of pharmacy and nursing, must adopt rules and regulations related to the prescribing of drugs, including controlled substances via telemedicine by Dec. 31, 2018.</p> <p>Source: <i>KS HB 2028 (2018).</i></p>	
	Cross-State Licensing	<p>Kansas adopted the Federation of State Medical Board (FSMB)’s model language for an interstate medical licensure compact.</p> <p>Source: <i>House Bill 2615 – 2015.</i></p> <p>Member of Nurses Licensure Compact.</p> <p>Source: <i>Current NLC States and Status. NCSBN. Accessed Sept. 2018.</i></p>	

No reference found.

