

North Dakota

Medicaid Program: North Dakota Medicaid

Program Administrator: North Dakota Dept. of Human Services

Regional Telehealth Resource Center: Great Plains Telehealth Resource and Assistance Center

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Medicaid Telehealth Reimbursement	Summary	<p>North Dakota reimburses for live video telemedicine for most services, with a few exceptions. They do not provide reimbursement for store-and-forward and no reference was found for remote patient monitoring.</p>
	Definitions	<p>Telemedicine is the use of interactive audio-video equipment to link practitioners and patients at different sites.</p> <p>Source: Medicaid Medical Policy. North Dakota Department of Human Services: Services Rendered via Telehealth. (July 2018) (Accessed Sept. 2018).</p>
	Live Video Policy	<p>North Dakota Medicaid will reimburse for live video services as long as the patient is present during the service. Actual visual contact (face-to-face) must be maintained between practitioner and patient.</p> <p>Source: Medicaid Medical Policy. North Dakota Department of Human Services: Services Rendered via Telehealth. (July 2018) (Accessed Sept. 2018).</p> <p>Telemedicine services are covered by Medicaid under the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The recipient must be present during the provision of the service; • Be medically appropriate with necessary supporting documentation in patient's clinical medical record; • The appropriate CPT codes are used by the consulting site along with a GT modifier and 95; and • The originating site uses HCPC code Q3014. <p>Separate long distance charges required for out-of-network sites are billable to ND Medicaid. Medicaid will pay for the actual cost charged by the telephone company.</p> <p>Source: ND Dept. of Human Svcs., General Information For Providers, Medicaid and Other Medical Assistance Programs, p. 129 (Apr. 2012) (Accessed Sept. 2018).</p> <p>Source: Medicaid Medical Policy. North Dakota Department of Human Services: Services Rendered via Telehealth. (July 2018) (Accessed Sept. 2018).</p> <p>Indian Health Services</p> <p>Reimbursement for telemedicine is reimbursed at the all-inclusive rate regardless of whether the originating site is outside the "four walls" of the facility or clinic.</p> <p>Source: Medicaid Medical Policy. North Dakota Department of Human Services: Services Rendered via Telehealth. (July 2018) (Accessed Sept. 2018).</p>

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Live Video

Eligible Services / Specialties

Except for the Non Covered services noted below, telemedicine can be used for services covered by Medicaid, and otherwise allowed, per CPT, to be rendered via telemedicine.

NON COVERED SERVICES: Therapies provided in a group setting; Store-and-forward Targeted Case Management for High Risk Pregnant Women; and Infants Targeted Case Management for Individuals in need of Long-Term Care Services.

Source: Medicaid Medical Policy. North Dakota Department of Human Services: Services Rendered via Telehealth. (July 2018) (Accessed Sept. 2018).

Eligible Providers

Reimbursement is made for services provided by licensed professional enrolled with ND Medicaid and within the scope of practice per their licensure only.

Source: Medicaid Medical Policy. North Dakota Department of Human Services: Services Rendered via Telehealth. (July 2018) (Accessed Sept. 2018).

Physicians at both the originating and consulting sites may bill for services. Supplies needed for any procedures performed are considered part of the procedure and are not separately billable.

Source: ND Dept. of Human Svcs., General Information For Providers, Medicaid and Other Medical Assistance Programs, p. 129 (Apr. 2012) (Accessed Sept. 2018).

Eligible Sites

No reference found.

Geographic Limits

No reference found.

Facility/Transmission Fee

Reimbursement will be made to the originating site as a facility fee only in place of service office, inpatient hospital, outpatient hospital, or skilled nursing facility/nursing facility. There is no additional reimbursement for equipment, technicians or other technology or personnel utilized in the performance of the telemedicine service.

Source: Medicaid Medical Policy. North Dakota Department of Human Services: Services Rendered via Telehealth. (July 2018) (Accessed Sept. 2018).

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	Store-and-Forward	
	Policy	North Dakota Medicaid does not reimburse for store-and-forward. Source: Medicaid Medical Policy. North Dakota Department of Human Services: Services Rendered via Telehealth. (July 2018) (Accessed Sept. 2018).
Eligible Services/Specialties	No reference found.	
Geographic Limits	No reference found.	
Transmission Fee	No reference found.	
Remote Patient Monitoring	Policy	No reference found.
	Conditions	No reference found.

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Remote Patient Monitoring	Provider Limitations	No reference found.
	Other Restrictions	No reference found.
Email / Phone / Fax	<p>No reference found for email. No reimbursement for telephone. No reference found for FAX.</p> <p>Source: ND Dept. of Human Svcs., <i>General Information For Providers, Medicaid and Other Medical Assistance Programs</i>, p. 126 (April 2012) (accessed Sept. 2018).</p>	
Consent	No reference found.	
Out of State Providers	No reference found.	
Miscellaneous	No reference found.	

Definitions

Telehealth:

- Means the use of interactive audio, video or other telecommunications technology that is used by a health care provider or health care facility at a distant site to deliver health services at an originating site and that is delivered over a secure connection that complies with the requirements of state and federal laws.
- Includes the use of electronic media for consultation relating to the health care diagnosis or treatment of a patient in real time or through the use of store-and-forward technology.
- Does not include the use of audio only telephone, electronic mail, or facsimile transmissions.

Source: ND Code Sec. 26.1-36-09.15. (Accessed Sept. 2018).

Requirements

An insurer must provide coverage for telehealth delivered health services which is the same coverage for health services delivered by in-person means.

A policy is not required to provide coverage for health services that are not medically necessary, subject to the terms and conditions of the policy.

Source: ND Code Sec. 26.1-36-09.15(5)(a). (Accessed Sept. 2018).

North Dakota's Worker Compensation Act provides reimbursement for live video.

Eligible services:

- Office or other outpatient visits;
- New evaluation visits and established management visits;
- Individual psychotherapy visits;
- Pharmacologic management visits.

The patient must be present and participate in the appointment.

The professional fee is equal to comparable in-person services.

The organization may pay the originating site facility fee, not to exceed twenty dollars.

Source: ND Admin. Code 92-01-02-34 (3d). (Accessed Sept. 2018).

Parity

Service Parity

An insurer must provide coverage for telehealth delivered services to the same extent as the same coverage for in-person services. They are not required to provide coverage for health services that are not medically necessary.

Source: ND Code Sec. 26.1-36-09.15(2). (Accessed Sept. 2018).

Payment Parity

Payment of expenses may be established through negotiations conducted between the insurer and health services providers in the same manner as reimbursement of expenses for covered services that are delivered by in-person means.

Source: ND Code Sec. 26.1-36-09.15(3). (Accessed Sept. 2018).

Definitions

“Telemedicine” means the practice of medicine using electronic communication, information technologies, or other means between a licensee in one location and a patient in another location, with or without an intervening health care provider. The term includes direct interactive patient encounters as well as asynchronous store-and-forward technologies and remote monitoring.

Source: ND Admin Code 50-2-15 (Accessed Sept. 2018).

Stroke system of care task force

“Telemedicine services means the use of interactive audio, video, and other electronic media used for the purpose of diagnosis, consultation, or treatment of acute stroke.”

Source: ND Statute Sec. 23-43-05. (Accessed Sept. 2018).

North Dakota uses federal definitions for “internet” and “practice of telemedicine” set in the Ryan Haight Online Pharmacy Consumer Protection Act of 2008.

Source: ND Century Code, Sec. 19-02.1-15.1(1)(d). (Accessed Sept. 2018).

“Telemedicine means the practice of medicine by a practitioner, other than a pharmacist, who is at a location remote from the patient, and is communicating with the patient, or health care professional who is treating the patient, using a telecommunications system.”

Source: Ryan Haight Online Pharmacy Consumer Protection Act of 2008 [Pub. L. 110-425; 21 U.S.C. 802-803]. (Accessed Sept. 2018).

Physical Therapy:

“Telehealth” is the use of electronic communications to provide and deliver a host of health-related information and healthcare services, including, but not limited to physical therapy related information and services, over large and small distance. Telehealth encompasses a variety of healthcare and health promotion activities, including, but not limited to, education, advice, reminders, interventions, and monitoring of interventions.

Source: ND Admin. Code 61.5-01-02-01.(Accessed Sept. 2018).

Consent

Physical Therapy:

The physical therapist may use telehealth technology as a vehicle for providing only services that are legally or professionally authorized. The patient’s written or verbal consent will be obtained and documented prior to such consultation.

Source: ND Admin. Code 61.5-01-02-01.(Accessed Sept. 2018).

Online Prescribing

A valid prescription via e-prescribing means a prescription has been issued for a legitimate medical purpose, in the usual course of professional practice, by a practitioner who has first conducted an in-person medical evaluation of the patient. An in-person medical evaluation can include the referring practitioner having performed the exam, in the case of telemedicine.

Source: ND Centennial Code, Sec. 19-02.1-15.1. (Accessed Sept. 2018).

The ND Medical Board may engage in reciprocal licensing agreements with out-of-state licensing agencies, but is not required to do so.

Source: *ND Century Code Sec. 43-17-21 (Accessed Sept. 2018).*

Member of the Physical Therapy Compact.

Source: *HB 1157 (2017).*

Member of the Nurses Licensure Compact.

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

Under the Worker's Compensation Act, the originating sites may receive a facility fee, not to exceed \$20.

Source: *ND Admin. Code 92-01-02-34 (3d),(Accessed Sept. 2018).*

The board shall provide health benefits coverage under a contract for insurance pursuant to section 54-52.1-04 or under a self-insurance plan pursuant to section 54-52.1-04.2 which provides coverage of health services delivered by means of telehealth in the same manner as provided under section 26.1-36-09.15.

Source: *ND Statute Sec. 54-52.1-04.13. (Accessed Sept. 2018).*

Professional Board Telehealth-Specific Regulations

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Source: *ND Admin Code 50-2-15. (Accessed Sept. 2018).*

