

Vermont

Medicaid Program: Vermont Medicaid

Program Administrator: State Dept. of Vermont Health Access, under the Agency of Human Services

Regional Telehealth Resource Center: Northeast Telehealth Resource Center

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Medicaid Telehealth Reimbursement	Summary	<p>Vermont Medicaid reimburses for live video under certain circumstances. There is no reference to store-and-forward other than tele-dermatology and tele-ophthalmology are not reimbursable. Home health monitoring is considered a Medicaid benefit and is available under certain conditions.</p> <p>Source: <i>Dept. of VT Health Access, Green Mountain Care Provider Manual, p. 110 (Aug. 2018). (Accessed Sep. 2018).</i></p>
	Definitions	<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 of 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>Source: <i>Dept. of VT Health Access, Green Mountain Care Provider Manual, p. 105 (Aug. 2018). (Accessed Sep. 2018).</i></p> <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>Source: <i>VT Statutes Annotated, Title 8 Sec. 4100k (2017).</i></p>
	Live Video	<p>Policy</p> <p>Health insurance plans must provide coverage for health care service delivered through telemedicine by a health care provider at a distant site to a patient at an originating site to the same extent that the plan would cover the services if they were provided through in-person consultation.</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>A distant site is the location of the health care provider delivering services through telemedicine at the time the services are provided.</p> <p>Source: <i>VT Statutes Annotated, Title 8 Sec. 4100k & Title 18 Sec. 9361 (2017).</i></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>Facilities providing live telemedicine services are required to use the GT modifier.</p> <p>02 place of service code must be on all claims.</p> <p>Source: <i>Dept. of VT Health Access, Green Mountain Care Provider Manual, p. 105 (Aug. 2018). (Accessed Sep. 2018).</i></p>

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Live Video	Eligible Services / Specialties	No reference found.
	Eligible Providers	<p>A distant site is the location of the health care provider delivering services through telemedicine at the time the services are provided.</p> <p>Source: <i>VT Statutes Annotated, Title 8 Sec. 4100k & Title 18 Sec. 9361 (2017).</i></p> <p>Must be a Medicaid-enrolled provider.</p>
	Eligible Sites	<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>Source: <i>VT Statutes Annotated, Title 8 Sec. 4100k & Title 18 Sec. 9361 (2017).</i></p>
	Geographic Limits	No reference found.
	Facility/Transmission Fee	<p>A facility fee is reimbursed, unless the facility site provider is employed by the same entity as the distant site provider.</p> <p>Source: <i>Dept. of VT Health Access, Green Mountain Care Provider Manual, p. 105 (Aug. 2018). (Accessed Sep. 2018).</i></p> <p>The Department of Vermont Health Access is required to reimburse the health care provider at the distant site and the health care facility at the originating site for services rendered.</p> <p>Source: <i>VT Statutes Annotated, Title 8 Sec. 4100k No. 173 (2017).</i></p>
Store-and-Forward	Policy	<p>Health plans (including Medicaid) are allowed but not required to reimburse for tele-ophthalmology and tele-dermatology.</p> <p>Source: <i>VT Statutes Annotated, Title 8 Sec. 4100k. (2017).</i></p>

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Store-and-Forward	Eligible Services/Specialties	<p>No reimbursement for tele-ophthalmology or tele-dermatology by store-and-forward.</p> <p>Source: Dept. of VT Health Access, Green Mountain Care Provider Manual, p. 105 (Aug. 2018). (Accessed Sep. 2018).</p>
	Geographic Limits	No reference found.
	Transmission Fee	No reference found.
Remote Patient Monitoring	Policy	<p>VT Medicaid is required to cover home telemonitoring services performed by home health agencies or other qualified providers for beneficiaries who have serious or chronic medical conditions.</p> <p>Source: VT Statutes Annotated Title 33 Sec. 1901(g).</p> <p>Home telemonitoring is a Medicaid benefit.</p> <p>Source: Code of VT Rules Sec. 13-170-770 & Dept. of VT Health Access, Green Mountain Care Provider Manual, p. 140-141 (Aug. 2018). (Accessed Sep. 2018) Source: Dept. of VT Health Access, Green Mountain Care Provider Manual, p. 105 (Aug. 2018). (Accessed Sep. 2018).</p>
	Conditions	No reference found.
	Provider Limitations	<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>Source: Code of VT Rules Sec. 13-170-770 & Dept. of VT Health Access, Green Mountain Care Provider Manual, p. 140-141 (Aug. 2018). (Accessed Sep. 2018)</p> <p>Source: Dept. of VT Health Access, Green Mountain Care Provider Manual, p. 105 (Aug. 2018). (Accessed Sep. 2018).</p>

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Remote Patient Monitoring

Other Restrictions

Individuals receiving Medicaid telemonitoring must:

- 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.

Source: Dept. of VT Health Access, Green Mountain Care Provider Manual, p. 141 (Aug. 2018). (Accessed Sep. 2018).
Source: Dept. of VT Health Access, Green Mountain Care Provider Manual, p. 105 (Aug. 2018). (Accessed Sep. 2018).

Email / Phone / Fax

No reimbursement for email.
 No reimbursement for telephone.
 No reimbursement for FAX.

Source: Dept. of VT Health Access, Green Mountain Care Provider Manual, p. 105 (Aug. 2018). (Accessed Sep. 2018).

Consent

No reference found.

Out of State Providers

No reference found.

Miscellaneous

No reference found.

Private Payer Laws

Definitions

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Source: VT Statutes Annotated, Title 8 Sec. 4100k (2017).

Private Payer Laws

Requirements

Health insurance plans must provide coverage for health care service delivered through telemedicine by a health care provider at a distant site to a patient at an originating site to the same extent that the plan would cover the services if they were provided through in-person consultation.

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A distant site is the location of the health care provider delivering services through telemedicine at the time the services are provided.

Source: VT Statutes Annotated, Title 8 Sec. 4100k & Title 18 Sec. 9361 (2017).

A health plan may limit coverage to health care providers in a plan’s network. A health plan cannot impose limitations on the number of telemedicine consultations a covered person may receive that exceed limitations on in-person services. Health plans are not prohibited from limiting coverage to only services that are medically necessary and clinically appropriate for delivery through telemedicine, subject to the terms and conditions of the covered person’s contract.

Source: VT Statutes Annotated, Title 8 Sec. 4100k & Title 18 Sec. 9361 (2017).

Parity

Service Parity

For live video, plans are required to cover services provided through telemedicine to the same extent the plan covers services provided in-person. For store-and-forward, plans are allowed but not required to reimburse for tele-ophthalmology and tele-dermatology.

Source: VT Statutes Annotated, Title 8 Sec. 4100k. (2017).

Payment Parity

No explicit payment parity.

Professional Regulation/Health & Safety

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Source: VT Statutes Annotated, Title 8 Sec. 4100k (2017) & Title 18 Sec. 9361 (2017).

Consent

A health care provider delivering health care services through telemedicine must obtain and document a patient’s oral or written informed consent.

Source: VT Statutes Annotated, Title 18 Sec. 9361 (2017).

Professional Regulation/Health & Safety

Online Prescribing

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.

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.

Source: *VT Statutes Annotated, Title 18 Sec. 9361 (2017).*

Cross-State Licensing

Vermont enacted the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact.

Source: *VT Act No. 115 (S. 253).*

Miscellaneous

No reference found.

