Medicare Telehealth Policy

Social Security Act, Sec. 1834(m)  [42 C.F.R. § 410.78]

Originating and Distant Site Eligibility

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Originating Site

- Location of eligible Medicare beneficiary at time of service
  - Physician office
  - Critical Access Hospital
  - Rural Health Clinic
  - Federally Qualified Health Center
  - Hospital
  - Hospital Based ESRD clinic
  - Skilled Nursing Facility
  - Community Mental Health Center

- Located in a rural HPSA*; located in a non-MSA county; or an Alaska or Hawaii entity enrolled in an HHS telehealth demo as of 12/31/00**

- Check eligibility using Medicare Telehealth Payment Eligibility Analyzer (http://datawarehouse.hrsa.gov/telehealthAdvisor/telehealthEligibility.aspx)

- Submit claim for originating fee (~$25) using HCPCS code Q3014

*As of January 1, 2014, a geographic primary care or mental health HPSA located in an area defined by ORHP as rural.

**Demo sites may use asynchronous store and forward technology
Distant Site

- Location of eligible physician or practitioner at time of service
- Cannot be the same location as the originating site
- Distant site physician or practitioner submits claim using appropriate modifier (GT or GQ)

- Physician or practitioner includes:
  - A physician as described in §410.20.
  - A physician assistant as described §410.74.
  - A nurse practitioner as described in §410.75.
  - A clinical nurse specialist as described in §410.76.
  - A nurse-midwife as described in §410.77.
  - A clinical psychologist as described in §410.71.
  - A clinical social worker as described in §410.73.
  - A registered dietitian or nutrition professional as described in §410.134.

- Physician or practitioner does NOT include an FQHC or RHC
Resources

Medicare Telehealth Services Fact Sheet
•  http://www.cms.gov/site-search/search-results.html?q=telehealth%20fact%20sheet

Medicare telehealth regulations
•  http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?tpl=/ecfrbrowse/Title42/42cfr410_main_02.tpl

Medicare Telehealth Payment Eligibility Analyzer
•  http://datawarehouse.hrsa.gov/telehealthAdvisor/telehealthEligibility.aspx

Medicare telehealth webpage
•  http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-General-information/telehealth/index.html

Medicaid telemedicine webpage
•  http://www.medicaid.gov/Medicaid-CHIP-Program-Information/By-Topics/Delivery-Systems/Telemedicine.html