

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)
(<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>