
CHAPTER 5: PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

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Telemedicine

Telemedicine is the use of medical information exchanges from one site to another via electronic communications to improve a recipient's health. Electronic communication means the use of interactive telecommunications equipment that includes, at a minimum, audio and video equipment permitting two-way, real time interactive communication between the recipient at the originating site, and the physician or practitioner at the distant site.

Distant site means the site at which the physician or other licensed practitioner delivering the service is located at the time the service is provided via telecommunications system.

Originating site means the location of the Medicaid recipient at the time the services being furnished via a telecommunications system occurs.

Reimbursement

Louisiana Medicaid only reimburses the distant site provider for services provided via telemedicine.

NOTE: The distant site provider must be enrolled as a Louisiana Medicaid provider to receive reimbursement for covered services rendered to Louisiana Medicaid recipients.

Billing

Medicaid covered services provided using telemedicine must be identified on claims submissions by appending the modifier "GT" (via interactive audio and video telecommunications system) to the applicable procedure code. The recipient's clinical record at both the originating and distant sites should reflect that the service was provided through the use of telemedicine.