

Telemedicine Originating and Distant Site Reimbursement Scenarios

Definitions

Distant site - a telemedicine site where the health care provider providing the telemedicine service is physically located.

Originating site - a telemedicine site where the MO HealthNet participant receives the telemedicine service. Originating sites include, but are not necessarily limited to health care provider facilities, participants' homes, and schools. For the purposes of asynchronous store-and-forward transfer, the originating site shall also mean the location from which the referring provider transfers information to the distant site.

Telemedicine - the delivery of health care services by means of information and communication technologies that facilitate the assessment, diagnosis, consultation, treatment, education, care management, and self-management of a participant's health care while such participant is at the originating site and the provider is at the distant site. Telemedicine shall also include the use of telephonic or asynchronous store-and-forward technology. Telemedicine services must be performed with the same standard of care as an in-person, face to face service.

Scenarios

Scenario #1: The patient goes to the clinic for services. The doctor at the clinic provides services to the patient then sets up a telehealth visit with the patient and a specialist at a different location. The clinic is the originating site (where the patient is located during the telehealth visit). The specialist at the other location is the distant site.

Originating site reimbursed for in-office services and telemedicine originating site fee



Distant site provider reimbursed same rate as in-person services



Scenario #2: The patient goes to the clinic/rural health clinic closest to their home for a telemedicine visit with a doctor at a nother location. The clinic/rural health clinic provider sets up the telemedicine visit with the doctor at a different location. The clinic/rural health clinic is the originating site and the doctor at the other location is the distant site.

Originating site reimbursed telemedicine originating site fee



Distant site provider reimbursed same rate as in-person services



Scenario #3: The patient logs on to their computer from home for a telemedicine visit with their provider.

No originating site reimbursement



Distant site provider reimbursed same rate as in-person services

