

Teledermatology Getting Started Guide



SOLO/GROUP

- _____ **Are you legally permitted to provide telemedicine services in the state where the patients are located?**
 - _____ Legal permission to practice telemedicine may include licensure in the state where the patient is located, providing care as a VA practitioner, or possessing a state-specific, conditional or telemedicine license (this will vary by state).
- _____ **Does your state have specific laws regarding appropriate use of telemedicine?**
 - _____ To search for your state's laws, please visit <http://cchpca.org/state-laws-and-reimbursement-policies>.
- _____ **Does your liability insurance cover telemedicine encounters?**
- _____ **Do the telemedicine technologies you will be utilizing abide by HIPAA security and privacy laws?**
 - _____ Telemedicine technologies may include your EMR/EHR, or products from an outside vendor.
 - _____ Security and privacy laws may also be state-specific.
- _____ **If providing direct-to-patient care, did/are you:**
 - _____ Have an existing physician patient relationship (having previously seen the patient in person)?
OR
 - _____ Create a physician patient relationship through the use of a live-interactive face-to-face consultation before the use of store-and-forward technology?
OR
 - _____ A part of an integrated health delivery system where the patient already receives care, in which you (the consulting dermatologist) have access to the patient's existing medical record and can coordinate follow-up care?
- _____ **Do you provide your patients choice as to whether they wish to receive care via telemedicine or in person?**
If so, are the following parameters clearly listed:
 - _____ Skin conditions treated or not treated (e.g. full body exams, emergent/urgent conditions depending on turnaround time, new complaints or follow-up on previously evaluated skin disorders, etc.)?
 - _____ Turnaround time?
 - _____ Who is answering the consult (e.g. MD, NP, PA)?
 - _____ Follow-up/Coordination of Care plan (e.g. are prescriptions involved? Is the PMD notified? If an appointment is needed, who is responsible for scheduling?)
- _____ **How will your telemedicine services be reimbursed?**
 - _____ Per transaction (fee-for-service)?
 - _____ Capitation, a mix of capitation and fee-for-service?
 - _____ Who is responsible for payment (e.g. Insurers, contractual ACOs/clinic consortiums, or patients)?

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