Why TELEHEALTH is a Crucial Benefit Offering



Telehealth is an asset to employers because it reduces healthcare costs. And employees that use it are happier, healthier, more productive, and engaged team members. Although telehealth was already a growing trend, the industry has increased exponentially because of COVID-19's strain on traditional healthcare. Now, telehealth is indispensable for patient diagnostics and care. *

* Telemedicine lies under the telehealth umbrella. It includes only remote patient care, such as an appointment with a psychologist, doctor, or other health care practitioner.

INDUSTRY GROWTH



20 MILLION

people had tried telehealth in 2019 – up from 350,000 in 2013 ²



SINCE COVID-19:







81% of Americans own a smartphone. Enabling more people to access video and chat, at the tip of their fingers ⁸

WHAT are the \$AVINGS?





\$330 то 🗎 \$1,500

telehealth appointment savings per averted **emergency** room visit ¹⁰

CONFIDENCE in Telehealth is INCREASING



more likely to use telehealth now than before COVID-19 ¹¹ of patients would leave their current physician for a provider

who offered telehealth access ¹²

TELEHEALTH WITH A CONSUMER-DRIVEN HEALTH PLAN

The CARES Act has made telehealth temporarily HSA-eligible. Any appointments or services covered under an HSA-eligible plan are covered before the deductible and will not lose their HSA eligibility status. Also, should telehealth services require payment, those services can be paid for using HSA funds. ¹³

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