

State Telehealth Laws and Medicaid Program Policies

DEFINITION

48 states and the **District of Columbia** have a definition for telehealth, telemedicine, or both

LOCATION

a few states have required a certain amount of distance between the provider and patient

In Idaho, Medicaid patients must be located in a rural or underserved area for eligibility

In South Dakota, an originating site and a distant site cannot be in the same community

MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT

47 states reimburse for **live video** through Medicaid

16 states reimburse for **remote patient monitoring**
2 offer reimbursement through their Department of Aging Services

9 states reimburse for **store and forward**

states rarely view **email/phone/fax** as acceptable forms of service delivery

29 states reimburse for a **transmission/facility fee**

CONSENT

29 states include some sort of informed consent



ONLINE PRESCRIBING

Internet/online questionnaires are not adequate; states may require a physical exam prior to a prescription



PRIVATE PAYER LAWS

28 states and the **District of Columbia** have active laws



CROSS STATE LICENSURE

8 states issue special licenses or certificates for telehealth

