

# South Dakota

**Medicaid Program:** South Dakota Medicaid

**Program Administrator:** South Dakota Dept. of Social Services

**Regional Telehealth Resource Center:** Great Plains Telehealth Resource and Assistance Center

**Covers the States of:** Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wisconsin

<https://www.gptrac.org>

Medicaid Telehealth Reimbursement	Summary	<p>South Dakota Medicaid provides reimbursement for live video at the same rate as in-person services, under some circumstances. Reimbursement is not provided for store-and-forward or remote patient monitoring services.</p>	
	Definitions	<p>“Telemedicine is the use of an interactive telecommunications system to provide two-way, real-time, interactive communication between a provider and a Medicaid recipient across a distance.”</p> <p><b>Source:</b> <i>SD Medicaid Billing and Policy Manual: Telemedicine</i>, p. 8 (Jul. 2019) &amp; <i>SD Medicaid Institutional Billing Manual</i>, p. 19 (Mar. 2019). (Accessed Aug. 2019).</p> <p><b>Office of Adult Services and Aging</b>          “Telehealth services” is a home-based health monitoring system used to collect and transmit an individual’s clinical data for monitoring and interpretation.</p> <p><b>Source:</b> <i>SD Regulation 67:40:19:01(21)</i> (Accessed Aug. 2019).</p>	
	Live Video	Policy	<p>South Dakota Medicaid will reimburse for limited services at the same rate as in-person services. See manual for complete list of CPT codes.</p> <p>All telemedicine services must comply with South Dakota Medicaid’s Out-Of-State Prior Authorization Requirements.</p> <p><b>Source:</b> <i>SD Medicaid Billing and Policy Manual: Telemedicine</i>, p. 6 (Jul. 2019) &amp; <i>SD Medicaid Institutional Billing Manual</i>, p. 19-22 (Mar. 2019). (Accessed Aug. 2019).</p> <p>Services provided via telemedicine are subject to the same service requirements and limitations as in-person services.</p> <p><b>Source:</b> <i>SD Medicaid Billing and Policy Manual: Telemedicine</i>, p. 3 (Jul. 2019). (Accessed Aug. 2019).</p>
		Eligible Services / Specialties	<p>See manuals for specific CPT codes.</p> <p><b>Source:</b> <i>SD Medicaid Billing and Policy Manual: Telemedicine</i>, p. 3-6 (Jul. 2019). &amp; <i>SD Medicaid Institutional Billing Manual</i>, p. 19-22 (Mar. 2019). (Accessed Aug. 2019).</p>



Eligible Providers

The following providers can provide services via telemedicine at a distant site:

- Certified Social Worker
- Clinical Nurse Specialist
- Community Health Worker
- Community Mental Health Centers (CMHC)
- Diabetes Education Programs
- Dieticians
- Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC)
- Indian Health Services Clinics
- Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists
- Licensed Professional Counselor
- Nurse Practitioners
- Nutritionists
- Physicians
- Physician Assistants
- Psychologist
- Rural Health Clinic (RHC)
- Speech Language Pathologists
- Substance Use Disorder Agencies
- Tribal 638 facilities

**Source:** SD Medicaid Billing and Policy Manual: Telemedicine, p. 1 (Jul. 2019). (Accessed Aug. 2019).

Eligible Sites

Originating sites must be enrolled with South Dakota Medicaid.

**Source:** SD Medicaid Billing and Policy Manual: Telemedicine, p. 1-2 (Jul. 2019). (Accessed Aug. 2019).

Geographic Limits

An originating site may not be located in the same community as the distant site, unless the originating site is a nursing facility.

**Source:** SD Medicaid Billing and Policy Manual: Telemedicine, p. 3 (Jul. 2019). & SD Medicaid Institutional Billing Manual, p. 19 & 22 (Mar. 2019). (Accessed Aug. 2019).

Facility/Transmission Fee

Certain originating sites are eligible for a facility fee and are:

- Office of a physician or practitioner
- Outpatient Hospital
- Critical Access Hospital
- Rural Health Clinic
- Federally Qualified Health Center
- Indian Health Services Clinic
- Community Mental Health Center
- Nursing Facilities
- Schools

The originating site may not be located in the same community as the distant site unless the originating site is a nursing facility.

**Source:** SD Medicaid Billing and Policy Manual: Telemedicine, p. 1-2 (Jul. 2019). & SD Medicaid Institutional Billing Manual, p. 22 (Mar. 2019). (Accessed Aug. 2019).



## Medicaid Telehealth Reimbursement

		Store-and-Forward
Store-and-Forward	Policy	<p>South Dakota Medicaid defines telemedicine as occurring in “real-time”, excluding store-and-forward applications.</p> <p><b>Source:</b> <i>SD Medicaid Billing and Policy Manual: Telemedicine</i>, p. 8 (Jul. 2019). &amp; <i>SD Medicaid Institutional Billing Manual</i>, p. 19 (Mar. 2019). (Accessed Aug. 2019).</p>
	Eligible Services/Specialties	No reference found.
	Geographic Limits	No reference found.
	Transmission Fee	No reference found.
Remote Patient Monitoring	Policy	<p>The Office of Adult Services and Aging defines “telehealth services” as a home-based health monitoring system used to collect and transmit an individual’s clinical data for monitoring and interpretation. However, no further information is provided.</p> <p><b>Source:</b> <i>SD Regulation 67:40:19:01(21)</i> (Accessed Aug. 2019).</p>
	Conditions	No reference found.



## Medicaid Telehealth Reimbursement

Remote Patient Monitoring	Provider Limitations	No reference found.
	Other Restrictions	No reference found.
Email / Phone / Fax	<p>No reimbursement for phone.          No reimbursement for email.          No reimbursement for facsimile.</p> <p><b>Source:</b> <i>SD Medicaid Billing and Policy Manual: Telemedicine, p. 8 (Jul. 2019).</i> &amp; <i>SD Medicaid Institutional Billing Manual, p. 19 (Mar. 2019).</i> (Accessed Aug. 2019).</p>	
Consent	No reference found.	
Out of State Providers	<p>All telemedicine services outside South Dakota must comply with South Dakota Medicaid's out-of-state prior authorization requirements.</p> <p><b>Source:</b> <i>SD Medicaid Billing and Policy Manual: Telemedicine, p. 6 (Jul. 2019).</i> (Accessed Aug. 2019).</p>	
Miscellaneous	<p>Originating sites eligible for reimbursement must bill for the service using HCPCS Q3014.</p> <p>All telemedicine services provided at the distant site must be billed with the GT modifier.</p> <p><b>Source:</b> <i>SD Medicaid Billing and Policy Manual: Telemedicine, p. 8 (Jul. 2019).</i> (Accessed Aug. 2019).</p> <p>Speech therapy services may be provided via telemedicine after an initial face-to-face contact and once every 90 days thereafter.</p> <p><b>Source:</b> <i>SD Medicaid Billing and Policy Manual: Telemedicine, p. 6 (Jul. 2019).</i> (Accessed Aug. 2019).</p>	



Private Payer Laws	Definitions	No reference found.	
	Requirements	<p>Health care services delivered by telehealth must be appropriate and delivered in accordance with applicable law and generally accepted health care practices and standards prevailing at the time the health care services are provided.</p> <p><b>Source:</b> <i>SD Codified Laws Ann. § 58-17-168. (SB – 137). (Accessed Aug. 2019).</i></p>	
	Parity	Service Parity	<p>Health insurers cannot exclude a service for coverage solely because the service is provided through telehealth and not provided through in-person consultation or contact between a health care professional and a patient.</p> <p>Health insurers are not required to provide coverage for health care services that are not medically necessary.</p> <p><b>Source:</b> <i>SD Codified Laws Ann. § 58-17-168. (SB – 137). (Accessed Aug. 2019).</i></p>
		Payment Parity	No reference found.
Professional Regulation/Health & Safety	Definitions	<p>“Telehealth services” is a home-based health monitoring system used to collect and transmit an individual’s clinical data for monitoring and interpretation.</p> <p><b>Source:</b> <i>SD Regulation 67:40:19:01(21) (Accessed Aug. 2019).</i></p> <p><b>Mental Health Procedures in Criminal Justice</b></p> <p>“Telehealth” is a mode of delivering healthcare services that utilizes information and communication technologies to enable the diagnosis, consultation, treatment, education, care management and self-management of patients at a distance from health care providers.</p> <p><b>Source:</b> <i>SD Codified Laws Ann. § 23A-50-1(6) (Accessed Aug. 2019).</i></p> <p><b>Speech-language Pathology</b></p> <p>“Telepractice,” “telespeech,” “telespeech-language pathology,” or “telehealth” is the application of telecommunication technology to delivery speech-language pathology at a distance for assessment, intervention, or consultation.</p> <p><b>Source:</b> <i>SD Regulation 20:79:01:01(9) (Accessed Aug. 2019).</i></p>	



Consent

No reference found.

Online Prescribing

No reference found.

Cross-State Licensing

An applicant who holds a valid medical license issued by another state can be licensed through reciprocity in South Dakota if:

- The applicant completed a residency program in the US or Canada;
- Has passed one of the listed licensure examinations. (Please see rule for list);
- Is in good standing with their state’s professional board; and
- Has completed a state and federal criminal background investigation.

**Source:** SD Regulation 20:78:03:12. (Accessed Aug. 2019).

Member of Interstate Medical Licensure Compact.

**Source:** Interstate Medical Licensure Compact. (Accessed Aug. 2019).

Member of Nurse Licensure Compact.

**Source:** Current NLC States & Status. Nurse Licensure Compact. (Accessed Aug. 2019).

Miscellaneous

**Office of Adult Service and Aging**

In-home services, which is defined as including “telehealth services”, may be provided to an individual who demonstrates a need for long-term supports and services through an assessment and the following criteria:

- The individual is residing at home;
- The individual is age 60 or older or is age 18 or older with a disability; and
- The individual is not eligible for other programs which provide the same type of service.

**Source:** SD Regulation 67:40:19:04. (Accessed Aug. 2019).

