

Telehealth Frequently Asked Questions

Idaho Behavioral Health Plan

Question	Answer
What is telehealth?	Magellan defines telehealth as a method of delivering behavioral health services using interactive telecommunications when the member and the behavioral health provider are not in the same physical location. Telecommunications must be the combination of audio and live, interactive video.
What are the benefits of providing service via telehealth?	Through telehealth, you can have real-time, two-way communication via secure online virtual sessions. You can treat patients at a place and time that fits best into your schedule – and theirs. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Convenient – deliver behavioral health services from your home, office or when traveling • Simple – connect with patients using your private computer with a camera and high-speed internet • Secure and private – HIPAA-compliant platform • Opportunity for extra income – offer additional and/or non-standard appointment hours • Opens access to more patients – such as those who live in rural areas or with mobility issues.
I am already a Magellan provider. How can I add telehealth to my practice?	You'll simply need to complete Magellan's online telehealth attestation – either the hard copy sent with your contract packet or online at www.MagellanofIdaho.com (under <i>For Providers</i> , select <i>Providing Care</i> then Telehealth).
I am not a Magellan provider, but would like to join and provide telehealth services. How can I enroll?	To start the process of becoming a provider in the IBHP network, visit www.MagellanofIdaho.com and under <i>For Providers</i> , select Join the Network .
What equipment is required to provide telehealth?	You will need a broadband internet connection and a computer with a microphone and a built-in or external web camera. And you must use a HIPAA-compliant telehealth software/platform.
What types of services can be delivered via telehealth?	Many of the same services that are provided in a face-to-face session can be offered via telehealth. Note that telehealth services must be a covered benefit under the member's benefit plan to be reimbursed. Refer to the IBHP Provider Handbook

	Supplement Appendix C for more information on program services.
Can I prescribe medication using telehealth?	Yes, subject to state and federal guidelines.
Are there different rates for delivering services via telehealth?	Your contracted rates remain the same for services delivered via telehealth and face-to-face. For telehealth, you must submit your claim with a “GT”, “FQ” or “FR” modifier added, to indicate telehealth. Claims should also include the telehealth place of service code “02” or “10.” Telehealth services must be a covered benefit under the member’s benefit plan to be reimbursed.
How are claims and billing handled?	As a Magellan provider, you will continue to verify benefits and eligibility, as well as submit claims, exactly as you do now. Note: You must bill using the “GT”, “FQ” or “FR” modifier to signify telehealth services. Claims should also include the telehealth place of service code “02” or “10.” Telehealth services must be a covered benefit under the member’s benefit plan to be reimbursed. See the Telehealth/Virtual Care Billing Instructions for IBHP Providers available on the MagellanofIdaho.com Telehealth page .
Are there specific guidelines, including allowable license types, to follow for telehealth?	Always consult state/federal laws prior to servicing a member via telehealth. You can find current guidelines online. One recommended resource is the American Telemedicine Association: Policy Resource Center https://www.americantelemed.org/policy .
How do I know if my telehealth software/platform is HIPAA compliant?	Your software/platform vendor is required to have a Business Associate Agreement (BAA). To remain HIPAA compliant and protect a member’s PHI, this BAA must outline methods used by the vendor to ensure the protection of the data and provisions for regular auditing of the data’s security. At present, commonly used social video tools such as Skype™ and FaceTime® are not considered secure, HIPAA compliant technology.
How are telehealth appointments scheduled?	The process is the same as in face-to-face. The member will schedule their telehealth session by contacting the provider.
How can I learn more about telehealth?	Visit these websites for telehealth resources: American Telemedicine Association: https://www.americantelemed.org/ Center for Connected Health Policy: The National Telehealth Policy Resource Center: http://cchpca.org/