

## Focus on Telemedicine/Telehealth

Physicians & Surgeons  
Dentists  
Chiropractors Podiatrists Hospitals  
Healthcare Facilities  
Healthcare Professionals  
Excess and Surplus Lines  
Alternative Risk

### American Telemedicine Association – Standards and Guidelines

The American Telemedicine Association (ATA) offers free practice guidelines and standards for telemedicine that cover a variety of specialties, including mental health, rehabilitation, home health, and pathology. ATA's materials also discuss topics such as store-and-forward imaging, videoconferencing, and operational core standards. Further, the ATA website includes a list of guidelines and standards currently in development, which are estimated to be completed within 1 to 2 years.

<http://www.americantelemed.org/resources/standards/ata-standards-guidelines>

### National Telehealth Policy Resource Center – State Laws and Reimbursement Policies

When developing new services or methods for delivering services, your project plan should include a thorough review of current and pending rules and regulations. The National Telehealth Policy Resource Center provides comprehensive state and federal telehealth policy information. To identify information specific to your organization's needs, use the advanced search function to apply filters, such as jurisdiction (state or federal), rule type (law or regulation), and area of law (topic). Examples of topics listed in the advanced search include online prescribing, consent, cross-state licensing, and email/phone/fax. Additionally, a detailed report — *State Telehealth Laws and Medicaid Program Policies* — was published in September 2014 and is available for downloading.

<http://telehealthpolicy.us/state-laws-and-reimbursement-policies>

## **Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services – Telehealth**

This webpage, which is located within the main Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) website, outlines the steps required to submit a request to add services to the list of approved Medicare telehealth services. Medical specialty associations, state and federal agencies, hospitals, and individual practitioners can submit requests. If an approved service is determined to be either unsafe or ineffective, Medicare will remove it from the list of approved telehealth services.

<http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-General-Information/Telehealth/index.html>

## **Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services – Telehealth Services Fact Sheet**

CMS, as part of its Rural Health Fact Sheet Series, provides an excellent resource on telehealth services. This 6-page resource, published by the Medicare Learning Network, covers the following topics: originating sites, distant site practitioners, telehealth services, and billing and payment for professional services and originating site facility fees.

<http://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNProducts/downloads/TelehealthSrvcsfctsht.pdf>

## **National Learning Consortium/HealthIT.gov – Patient-Generated Health Data Fact Sheet**

A growing segment of electronic health information is patient-generated health data (PGHD). The National Learning Consortium notes that PGHD differs from health data generated within the clinical setting for two key reasons: (1) the patient is responsible for collecting the data, and (2) the patient decides who receives the information. The section entitled “How do I incorporate PGHD into my medical practice?” provides a list of steps and questions that your organization can use to assess current PGHD procedures or develop new procedures.

[http://www.healthit.gov/sites/default/files/patient\\_generated\\_data\\_factsheet.pdf](http://www.healthit.gov/sites/default/files/patient_generated_data_factsheet.pdf)