

26-18-13 Telemedicine -- Reimbursement -- Rulemaking.

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 - (a) On or after July 1, 2008, communication by telemedicine is considered face to face contact between a health care provider and a patient under the state's medical assistance program if:
 - (i) the communication by telemedicine meets the requirements of administrative rules adopted in accordance with Subsection (3); and
 - (ii) the health care services are eligible for reimbursement under the state's medical assistance program.
 - (b) This Subsection (1) applies to any managed care organization that contracts with the state's medical assistance program.
- (2) The reimbursement rate for telemedicine services approved under this section:
 - (a) shall be subject to reimbursement policies set by the state plan; and
 - (b) may be based on:
 - (i) a monthly reimbursement rate;
 - (ii) a daily reimbursement rate; or
 - (iii) an encounter rate.
- (3) The department shall adopt administrative rules in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, which establish:
 - (a) the particular telemedicine services that are considered face to face encounters for reimbursement purposes under the state's medical assistance program; and
 - (b) the reimbursement methodology for the telemedicine services designated under Subsection (3)(a).

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