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Telehealth in Wyoming

Introduction and Overview

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What is Telehealth?

- **Telehealth is the use of technology to deliver healthcare, health information, or health education at a distance (hrsa.gov)**
- **Common applications include:**
 - Clinical
 - Patient visits or consultations
 - Store-and-forward consultation (e.g., another provider analyzing lab results)
 - Non-clinical
 - Provider training
 - Administrative meetings
 - Public health



Welcome

If you're visiting for the first time or would like to learn more about Telehealth and Telemedicine in Wyoming, we suggest you watch the *Get to Know Wyoming Telehealth* video.

WyomingTelehealth.org is brought to you by the **Wyoming Telehealth Consortium** of healthcare facilities and providers working together to improve healthcare in Wyoming. Learn more about the WTC.

If you are a healthcare provider, be sure to visit the Telehealth Providers section where you'll find a directory of participating facilities and providers, information on video conferencing, and many other resources to assist you with setting up and providing telehealth services. Healthcare professionals interested in professional development and continuing education opportunities, will want to visit the Education and Training section.

Thanks for visiting and we look forward to hearing from you.



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Telehealth Provider Types

- **Provider Types Eligible for Telehealth Payments**
 - Physician
 - Advanced Practice Nurse with specialty of Psychiatry/Mental Health
 - Physician Assistant (billed under the supervising physician)
 - Psychologist or Neuropsychologist
 - Licensed Mental Health Professional (LCSW, LPC, LMFT, LAT)
 - Speech Therapist
 - Services provided by non-physician practitioners must be within their scope(s) of practice and according to Medicaid policy.



Provider Location

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In order to bill for Telehealth services, the provider must be in one of the locations listed below. Medicaid policy will soon allow for telehealth services to be provided regardless of the patient's location.

Provider Locations		
Hospitals	Physician Office	Medical Clinics
Psychologist Office	Community Mental Health/Substance Abuse Center	Advanced Practice Nurse (mental health)
Licensed MH Professional's Office	FQHC	Rural Health Clinic
Skilled Nursing Facility	Indian Health Service Clinic	Renal Dialysis Center (hospital based)
Developmental Center	Public Health Nursing	



Telehealth Requirements

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Telehealth providers are required to have the following capabilities:

- Interactive audio and visual real-time communication
- HIPAA compliance
- Full compliance with WY licensing and regulatory laws

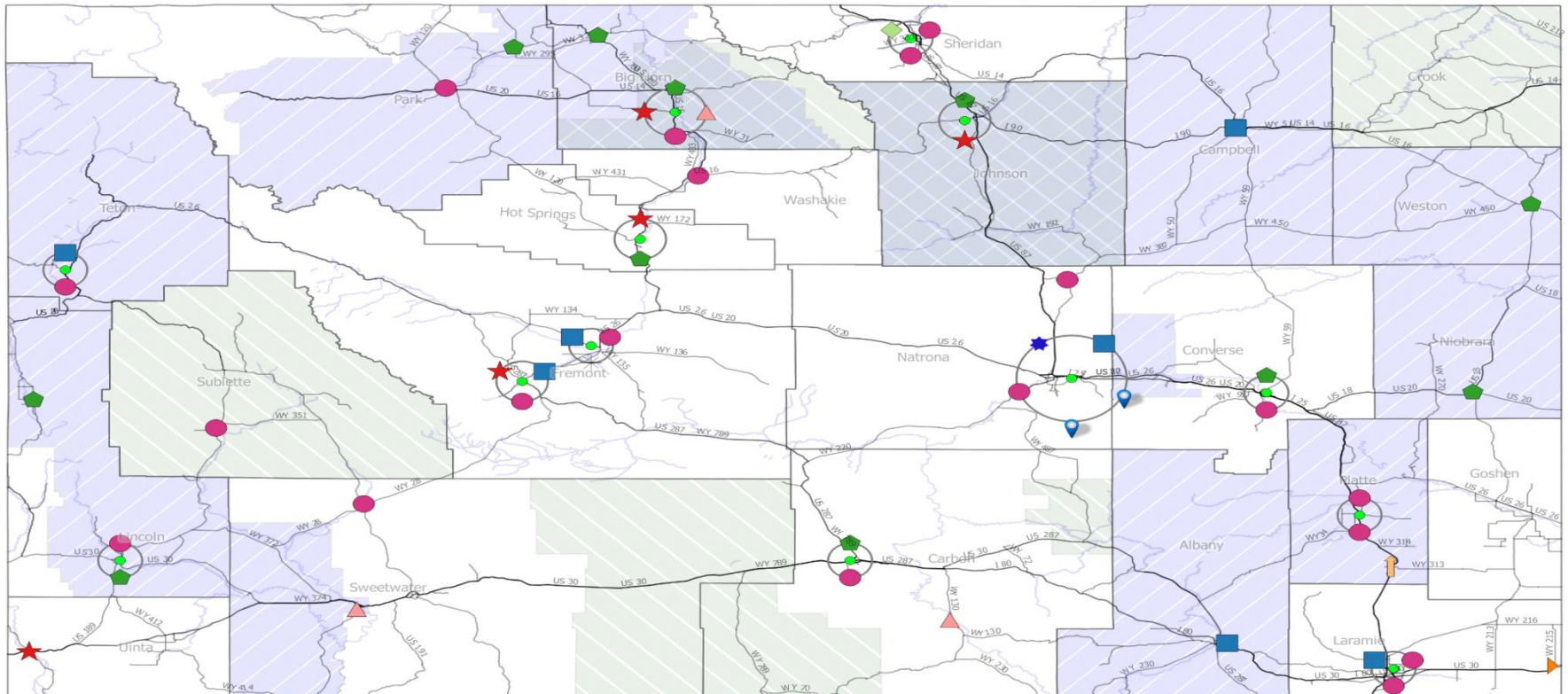
If all requirements are met, the provider can bill for telehealth services just like any other healthcare service

- Billing a CPT code with a specific modifier
- Payer reimburses if all necessary conditions are met




Types of Telehealth Facilities in WY

(as of March, 2015)

note this is non-comprehensive



Locations

-  Community Health Clinic
-  Critical Access Hospital
-  Detention Center



Residency

-  Future Site
-  Hospice
-  Hospital
-  Pharmacy
-  Rural Health Clinic

State Facility

-  Other

Districts

-  Health Care Districts
-  Hospital Districts



Telehealth Example

- **Medicaid “MDT” Child Psychiatry Consultations**
 - Goals:
 - Timely access to psychiatry for children
 - Expand access to out-of-state providers through telehealth
 - Fewer inappropriate inpatient/residential placements
 - Results
 - Better access
 - Inpatient/residential placement avoidance
 - Program savings (avoided costs)



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WDH Technical Assistance Grants

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Telehealth grants are available through the Public Health Division Office of Rural Health (SFY 2016):

- Application on Telehealth Home Page (web-based)
- 15 grants already awarded
- 15 more available

Telemedicine Standards Workgroup

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- **Purpose:** To establish joint standards for Telemedicine in Wyoming that can be adopted by the boards of medicine, pharmacy and nursing.
 - Establish minimum standards for patient/provider relationship
 - Standards/guidance for follow-up after Telehealth visit
 - Wyoming provider licensure issues
 - Review what other states have done
- **Membership:**

Dr. James Bush (WDH)	Kevin Bohnenblust (Board of Medicine)	Cynthia LaBonde (Board of Nursing)
Lori Hart (Board of Nursing)	Mary Walker (Board of Pharmacy)	Denise Burke (DOI)
Ralph Hayes (EGI)		



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Questions?

