

Telemedicine – Medicare

Service Area	Sites	Scope of Coverage	Providers	Reimbursement
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Rural Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) ▪ Counties not in a Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) 	<p>Distant – UTMB The site where the physician or physician practitioner providing the professional service, is located at the time the service is provided via telemedicine.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Consultations ▪ Office Visits ▪ Psychiatric diagnostic interview ▪ Individual Psychotherapy ▪ Pharmacological Management ▪ ESRD ▪ Individual Medical Nutrition Therapy (G0270, 97802 & 97803) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Physician ▪ Nurse Practitioner ▪ Physician Assistant ▪ Nurse Midwife ▪ Clinical Nurse Specialist ▪ Clinical Psychologist ▪ Clinical Social Worker ▪ Registered Dietician or nutrition professional 	<p>Distant – UTMB Will be reimbursed for the professional fee at the same amount if the service was not provided via telecommunications, which is 85% of the allowed amount.</p>
<p>Websites</p> <p><u>HPSA</u> http://www.trailblazerhealth.com/tools/hpsa/index.asp? <u>Reference:</u></p> <p><u>Medicare –</u> http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Tra nsmittals/Downloads/R790 CP.pdf</p>	<p>Originating – the location of an eligible Medicare beneficiary at the time the service is being furnished via a telecommunications system occurs.</p> <p>Authorized sites:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The office of a physician/physician practitioner ▪ A hospital ▪ A critical access hospital ▪ A rural health clinic ▪ A federally qualified health center 	<p>Claim Requirements</p> <p>Distant - <i>GT modifier</i> must be appended to the correct CPT code for professional services only.</p> <p>Originating – code <i>Q3014</i> must be used in order to be reimbursed for the facility fee.</p>	<p>Note:</p> <p>*Clinical Psychologist & Clinical Social Workers are not able to bill for psychotherapy services that include evaluation & management services. This would include CPT codes 90805, 90807, and 90809.</p> <p>*Non Physician Practitioners can only provide the services they are licensed to provide under State law.</p>	<p>Originating – will be reimbursed a Facility Fee 80% of the lesser of the actual charge or \$22.94.</p> <p>Note For payment to occur, interactive audio & video telecommunications must be used, permitting real time communication between the distant site physician/practitioner and the Medicare beneficiary. The patient must be present & participating in the telehealth visit.</p>