TELEHEALTH ---

CONNECTING CARE TO YOU



WHAT IS IT?

Telehealth is administering a full array of health care services using **telecommunications technology** when a provider and patient aren't in the same room or when a provider needs to consult a specialist.



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WHY IS IT GOOD?

ACCESS TO PATIENT-CENTERED CARE WHERE AND WHEN THE PATIENT NEEDS IT.

Early intervention can help prevent long-term, costly health events, which can help curb health care cost growth.

CONGRESS CAN HELP ADVANCE THE BENEFITS OF TELEHEALTH:

- Telehealth services should be reimbursed by Medicare at the same level as services delivered in person.
- **Eliminate originating site restrictions** to make telehealth services available to all patients.
- Encourage states to make telehealth a fundamental tool in their Medicaid programs.
- Support efforts for providers to participate in multi-state telehealth programs.

