

HB 319 -- TELEHEALTH SERVICES

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This bill requires specified individuals who are licensed in Missouri to be considered eligible health care providers for the provision of telehealth services in the MO HealthNet program. Eligible individuals must include:

- (1) Physicians;
- (2) Advanced registered nurse practitioners;
- (3) Dentists and oral surgeons;
- (4) Psychologists and provisional licensees;
- (5) Pharmacists;
- (6) Speech, occupational, or physical therapists;
- (7) Clinical social workers; and
- (8) Health care providers practicing in rural health clinics.

The bill defines "originating site" as a telehealth site where the MO HealthNet participant receiving the telehealth service is located for the encounter. The originating site must ensure immediate availability of clinical staff during a telehealth encounter if a participant requires assistance. An originating site must be one of the following locations:

- (1) Office of a physician or health care provider;
- (2) Hospital;
- (3) Critical access hospital;
- (4) Rural health clinic;
- (5) Federally qualified health center;
- (6) Nursing home;
- (7) Dialysis center;
- (8) Missouri state habilitation center or regional office;
- (9) Community mental health center;

(10) Missouri state mental health facility;

(11) Missouri state facility;

(12) Missouri residential treatment facility licensed by and under contract with the Children's Division within the Department of Social Services that has a contract with the Children's Division. Facilities must have multiple campuses and have the ability to adhere to technology requirements. Missouri licensed psychiatrists, licensed psychologists, or provisionally licensed psychologists, and advanced registered nurse practitioners who are enrolled MO HealthNet providers must be the only consulting providers at these locations;

(13) Comprehensive substance treatment and rehabilitation (CSTAR) program;

(14) School; or

(15) The MO HealthNet recipient's home.