



State COVID-19 Disaster Declaration Flexibilities Phase-Out

Medicaid Telehealth Flexibilities Expire Effective November 1, 2021 for Outpatient Dialysis/End-Stage Renal Disease, Direct Entry Midwife, and Vision Services Providers

New Medical Record Documentation

Effective November 1, 2021, outpatient dialysis/end-stage renal disease, direct-entry midwife, and vision providers may no longer render services via telehealth; all services must be conducted in-person. Providers may coordinate Medicaid recipient transportation needs with Alaska Medicaid through the standard travel request process. For more information about requesting approval for Medicaid-covered transportation, refer to the [Arranging Patient Travel](#) provider manual.

History

To reduce in-person contact, to allow staff to focus on patient care, and to reduce administrative burdens as patient loads increased due to COVID-19, the Department of Health and Social Services suspended telehealth services regulation limits, 7 AAC 110.635(a)(6 – 7) and (10), to allow outpatient dialysis/end-stage renal disease, direct entry midwife, and vision services to be delivered via telehealth. With the expiration of the state disaster declaration, this regulatory suspension also expires.