

TELEHEALTH EQUITY KEY TERMS & DEFINITIONS

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<u>Telehealth</u>	Telehealth is the use of electronic information and telecommunications technologies to support or provide medical care when the patient and clinician are not in the same location. Telehealth allows patients and clinicians to talk via video, send or receive messages via chat, text, or email, and monitor a patient's progress remotely.
<u>Site-to-Site</u>	Patients visit a health center to meet with a remote clinician using telehealth.
<u>Direct-to-Patient</u>	A telehealth visit where patients obtain medical advice, treatment, and sometimes the prescription of medications on technology devices outside of a medical facility.
<u>Modality</u>	The mode in which a telehealth service occurs. This can be done via synchronous, remote patient monitoring, or asynchronous care.
<u>Synchronous</u>	An exchange of patient information in real-time. This includes live two-way interactions via audiovisual technology ("live video") and audiovisual only ("audio-only").
<u>Asynchronous</u> (Store-and-Forward)	A chat-based exchange of patient information online or via mobile app to a clinician to review and deliver a consultation, diagnosis, or treatment plan at a later time.
<u>Payment Parity</u>	Telehealth visits are <i>reimbursed</i> at the same payment rate as in-person delivery.
<u>Coverage Parity</u> (Service Parity)	Telehealth visits are <i>covered</i> for the same services as in-person delivery. This does not guarantee the same rate of payment.
<u>Scope of Practice</u>	The activities a licensed clinician is permitted to perform. This is commonly determined by statutes enacted by state legislatures and licensing entities.
<u>Medication Abortion</u>	Medication abortion typically involves taking two different medications, Mifepristone and Misoprostol, to terminate a pregnancy up to 12 weeks.
<u>TMAB</u> (Telehealth for Medication Abortion)	Medication abortion is prescribed through a telehealth visit via a phone and/or video with a clinician, this can be direct-to-patient, site-to-site, or through a hybrid in-person/virtual care experience.
<u>Gender Affirming Care</u>	Encompasses a range of social, psychological, behavioral, and medical interventions designed to support and affirm an individual's gender identity when it conflicts with the gender they were assigned at birth.