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Dear Colleagues,

New Jersey is one of the most recent states to adopt telemedicine laws. This new legislation requires that private insurance companies pay for telehealth services at similar rates to in-person medical care. This is great news for anyone interested in expanding telemedicine in the state of New Jersey and especially during these precarious times.

New Jersey's law does not say exactly which services are and are not covered. However, it does state that the standard of care must be equal to in-person care.

Currently, New Jersey state law and Medicaid guidelines do not restrict which healthcare providers can practice telemedicine. Occupational therapists are included in the law.

New Jersey requires that the provider be licensed in the state. Unfortunately, New Jersey is not yet part of the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact, which helps out-of-state providers get licensed across state lines.

Currently, New Jersey does not have any restrictions on where the patient has to be during the telehealth visit or service. New Jersey requires private payers and Medicaid to reimburse telemedicine services at the same rate as in-person services.

Resources:

- [The Center for Connected Health New Jersey PDF](#)
- [State Medicaid Resource Website](#)
- [Mid-Atlantic Telehealth Resource Center](#)
- [Northeast Telehealth Resource Center](#)
- [Healthcare Law Today](#)

I perused the NJ Advisory Council's website and spoke with the Advisory Council representative today, and although they received several calls regarding telehealth regulations, there have not yet been any laws established by the council.

Kind Regards for a healthy season,

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