

SOUTH DAKOTA STATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION  
POLICY

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POLICY STATEMENT

Telemedicine shall not be utilized by a physician for the purpose of providing medical treatment to any patient located in the state of South Dakota in the absence of a physician-patient relationship.

To engage in the practice of telemedicine in South Dakota, a physician shall hold a full, unrestricted and current license to practice medicine issued under SDCL 36-4 and the rules of the South Dakota Board of Medical and Osteopathic Examiners. A physician engaged in the practice of telemedicine/telehealth shall also be insured for medical malpractice.

Definitions:

“Telemedicine” means the delivery of clinical health care services by means of real time two-way electronic audio-visual communications to provide or support healthcare delivery, which facilitate the assessment, diagnosis, consultation, treatment, education, care management and self-management of a patient’s health care while such patient is at an originating site and the health care provider is at a distant site; consistent with applicable federal law and regulations;

“Telehealth” means delivering health care services by means of information and communications technologies consisting of telephones, remote patient monitoring devices or other electronic means which facilitate the assessment, diagnosis, consultation, treatment, education, care management and self-management of a patient’s health care while such patient is at the originating site and the health care provider is at the distant site; consistent with applicable federal and state laws and regulations;

“Store and forward” transfer means the transmission of a patient’s medical information from an originating site to the provider at the distant site without the patient being present.

“Distant site” means a site at which a health care provider is located while providing health care services by means of telemedicine.

“Originating site” means a site at which a patient is located at the time health care services are provided to him or her by means of telemedicine.

AUTHORITY

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