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Elimination of 20-mile requirement for telemedicine services for certain provider types

Effective December 1, 2014, the Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP) will eliminate the requirement that telemedicine services are reimbursable only when the **hub site** (the location of the physician or provider rendering services) and the **spoke site** (the physical location of the patient) are greater than 20 miles apart **for the following provider types**:

- Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs)
- Rural health clinics (RHCs)
- Community mental health centers (CMHCs)
- Critical access hospitals (CAHs)

The IHCP will reimburse these provider types for telemedicine services regardless of the distance between the hub and the spoke sites. This change applies to fee-for-service claims for dates of service on or after December 1, 2014. **The distance requirement will remain in place for all other provider types eligible for telemedicine reimbursement.**



Per *IHCP Banner Page* [BR201409](#), FQHCs and RHCs are reminded that reimbursement is available for telemedicine services when the service rendered meets both the definition of a valid encounter and is consistent with the IHCP telemedicine policy.

Telemedicine services are covered by the IHCP, subject to established coverage policies, including parameters, limitations, and billing guidelines previously communicated and referenced in [Chapter 8: Billing Instructions](#) of the *IHCP Provider Manual* at [indianamedicaid.com](#).

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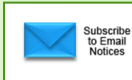
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