

**Temporary Updates Regarding HIPPA Compliance and Telemedicine**  
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This is an important TEMPORARY update in regards of HIPPA compliance DURING the Public Health Emergency due to COVID-19.

"Under this Notice, covered health care providers may use popular applications that allow for video chats, **including Apple FaceTime, Facebook Messenger video chat, Google Hangouts video, or Skype**, to provide telehealth without risk that OCR might seek to impose a penalty for noncompliance with the HIPAA Rules related to the good faith provision of telehealth during the COVID-19 nationwide public health emergency. Providers are encouraged to notify patients that these third-party applications potentially introduce privacy risks, and providers should enable all available encryption and privacy modes when using such applications.

**Under this Notice, however, Facebook Live, Twitch, TikTok, and similar video communication applications are public facing, and SHOULD NOT be used** in the provision of telehealth by covered health care providers."

<https://www.hhs.gov/hipaa/for-professionals/special-topics/emergency-preparedness/notification-enforcement-discretion-telehealth/index.html>

<https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2020/01/31/secretary-azar-declares-public-health-emergency-us-2019-novel-coronavirus.html?>

Keep checking on the daily basis Telehealth billing/reimbursement with insurance providers, many insurance companies changing reimbursement for Telehealth as we speak

Practicing across the state lines law remains **the SAME** as outlined in my class

Unfortunately we are NOT Medicare billing providers so below does not apply to us.

<https://edit.cms.gov/files/document/medicare-telehealth-frequently-asked-questions-faqs-31720.pdf>

<https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/fact-sheets/medicare-telemedicine-health-care-provider-fact-sheet>

[utm\\_source=BenchmarkEmail&utm\\_campaign=Updated Telemedicine Guidance&utm\\_medium=email](https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/fact-sheets/medicare-telemedicine-health-care-provider-fact-sheet)