



Teledentistry

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Teledentistry and Affiliated Dental Hygienists

- Teledentistry – acquisition and transmission of all necessary subjective and objective diagnostic data through interactive audio, video, or data communications by an AHCCCS-registered dental provider to a distant dentist for triage, dental treatment planning, and referral
 - Includes provision of preventive and other approved therapeutic services the AHCCCS-registered affiliated practice dental hygienist, who provides dental hygiene services under an affiliated practice relationship with a dentist

Senate Bill 1282

- Builds upon affiliated practice dental hygienist legislation passed in 2004 (Sec. 32-1281 H, 32-1289)
- Gives authority to affiliated practice dental hygienists to utilize teledentistry services
- Mandates AHCCCS to implement teledentistry services for enrolled members who are under twenty-one years of age

AMPM, Chapter 300

- Teledentistry does apply to EPSDT-aged members
- Revises the code set available to affiliated practice dental hygienists registered with AHCCCS

Teledentistry Limitations

- Teledentistry does not replace the dental examination by the dentist
- Limited, periodic, and comprehensive examinations cannot be billed through the use of teledentistry alone

Questions?