

Telemedicine for Medical and Behavioral Health Care

The doctor will see you now.
Wherever. Whenever.



If your doctor isn't available, telemedicine may be an option for you. Telemedicine gives you fast access to medical and behavioral health care 24/7/365, from the comfort of your home, desk, or hotel room. **All you need to do is activate it through your online member account and download the MDLIVE® app.**

Rest assured, our health care professionals deliver the same quality of care you receive from your own doctor, via your phone, tablet, or computer.

Here are some of the common medical conditions treated with telemedicine:

Adults

- Allergies
- Cold and flu
- Ear infections
- Fever
- Headache
- Joint aches and pains
- Nausea and vomiting
- Pink eye
- Rashes
- Sinus infections
- Sunburn
- Urinary Tract Infections*

Children

- Cold and flu
- Constipation
- Earache*
- Fever*
- Nausea and vomiting
- Pink Eye

Telemedicine is good for the mind as well as the body.

In addition to whenever, wherever access to medical doctors, you can also consult with a psychiatrist or choose from a variety of licensed therapists from the privacy of your own home. You can even schedule recurring appointments to establish an ongoing relationship with one therapist.

Here are some conditions people rely on behavioral health telemedicine for:

- Addiction
- Bipolar disorders
- Depression
- Eating disorders
- Grief and loss
- LGBTQ support
- Panic disorders
- Stress
- Trauma and PTSD



When do you use telemedicine?

- Instead of going to urgent care or the emergency room for minor and non-life-threatening conditions
- Whenever your primary care doctor is not available
- If you live in a rural area and don't have access to nearby care
- When you're traveling for work or on vacation

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Everybody Benefits

*MDLIVE does not provide support for urinary tract infections in males; does not provide support for earache conditions for children under 12 years old; does not provide support for fever-related conditions for children under 3 years old.

Telemedicine visits with MDLIVE may be covered in the following ways:

Plan type	Telemedicine cost share
Classic Blue - Acute Medical	Deductible/Coinsurance
Classic Blue - Behavioral Health	Covered in full

*If you haven't met your deductible, you will pay the allowable charge of \$55. The allowable charge does not apply to Behavioral Health services. The allowable costs for the Behavioral Health services vary but do not exceed \$190. This means a member who has not met their deductible will not pay more than \$190.

Don't wait until you need it. There are four easy ways to activate telemedicine today.

WEB - Register/Log in at ExcellusBCBS.com/Member

APP - Download the MDLIVE app

TEXT - EXCELLUS to 635483 (Message and data rates may apply.)

VOICE - Call 1-866-692-5045

Did you know?



of doctor's office visits could be handled over the phone.¹



days is the average wait time between scheduling an appointment and seeing a primary care doctor.²



of emergency room visits can potentially be prevented with telemedicine.³

¹ "New medical cost savings program: Telemedicine means great discounts." R. Schultz, January 9, 2010.

² Based on MDLIVE data, 2016.

³ Based on New York State Department of Health data, 2016.

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