

[Nev. Rev. Stat. §§ 629.510 & 629.515.]

§ 629.510. Legislative findings and declarations: Telehealth

The Legislature hereby finds and declares that:

1. Health care services provided through telehealth are often as effective as health care services provided in person;

2. The provision of services through telehealth does not detract from, and often improves, the quality of health care provided to patients and the relationship between patients and providers of health care; and

3. It is the public policy of this State to:

(a) Encourage and facilitate the provision of services through telehealth to improve public health and the quality of health care provided to patients and to lower the cost of health care in this State; and

(b) Ensure that services provided through telehealth are covered by policies of insurance to the same extent as though provided in person or by other means.

§ 629.515. Valid license or certificate required; exception; restrictions; jurisdiction over and applicability of laws: Telehealth

1. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, before a provider of health care who is located at a distant site may use telehealth to direct or manage the care or render a diagnosis of a patient who is located at an originating site in this State or write a treatment order or prescription for such a patient, the provider must hold a valid license or certificate to practice his or her profession in this State, including, without limitation, a special purpose license issued pursuant to NRS 630.261. The requirements of this subsection do not apply to a provider of health care who is providing services within the scope of his or her employment by or pursuant to a contract entered into with an urban Indian organization, as defined in 25 U.S.C. § 1603.

2. The provisions of this section must not be interpreted or construed to:

(a) Modify, expand or alter the scope of practice of a provider of health care; or

(b) Authorize a provider of health care to provide services in a setting that is not authorized by law or in a manner that violates the standard of care required of the provider of health care.

3. A provider of health care who is located at a distant site and uses telehealth to direct or manage the care or render a diagnosis of a patient who is located at an originating site in this State or write a treatment order or prescription for such a patient:

(a) Is subject to the laws and jurisdiction of the State of Nevada, including, without limitation, any regulations adopted by an occupational licensing board in this State, regardless of the location from which the provider of health care provides services through telehealth.

(b) Shall comply with all federal and state laws that would apply if the provider were located at a distant site in this State.

4. As used in this section:

(a) “Distant site” means the location of the site where a telehealth provider of health care is providing telehealth services to a patient located at an originating site.

(b) “Originating site” means the location of the site where a patient is receiving telehealth services from a provider of health care located at a distant site.

(c) “Telehealth” means the delivery of services from a provider of health care to a patient at a different location through the use of information and audio-visual communication technology, not including standard telephone, facsimile or electronic mail.