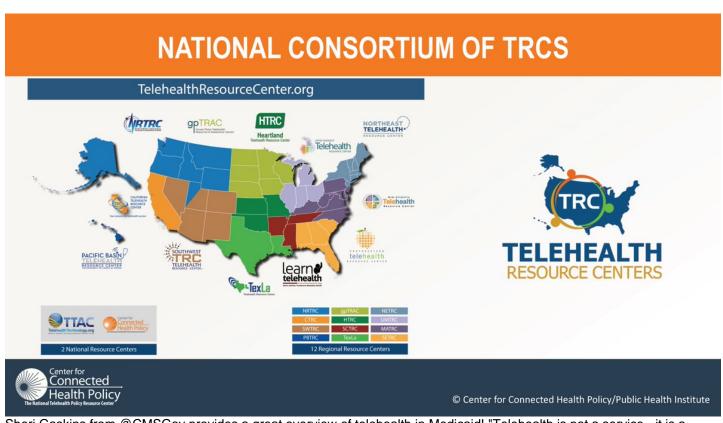
# **Twitter Thread by CCHP**





CCHP's Executive Director, Mei Kwong, kicks off today's webinar with an introduction to @CCHPCA and @TheNCTRC! #MedicaidTelehealthCCHP



Sheri Gaskins from <a href="mailto:occupation"><u>@CMSGov</u></a> provides a great overview of telehealth in Medicaid! "Telehealth is not a service - it is a delivery mechanism." #MedicaidTelehealthCCHP

## **Telehealth**

- Telehealth, in short, is described as using technology to deliver services.
- Services are covered in Medicaid and can be delivered using telehealth.
- Examples of technologies are asynchronous store and forward, two-way real time audio/visual communication, telephone, etc.
- Medicaid coverage of services delivered via telehealth not dependent on Medicare rules governing telehealth.

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A telehealth toolkit has been developed by <u>@CMSGov</u> and provides an up-to-date view of telehealth in Medicaid! #MedicaidTelehealthCCHP

### **Telehealth Toolkit**

- Provides states with statutory and regulatory infrastructure issues to consider as they evaluate the need to expand their telehealth capabilities and coverage policies. This guide provides a description of these areas and the challenges they present including:
  - Patient populations eligible for telehealth
  - Coverage and reimbursement policies
  - Providers and practitioners eligible to furnish telehealth
  - Technology requirements
  - Pediatric considerations

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Q&A with Sheri Gaskins from <u>@CMSgov:</u> "In general, states have a great deal of flexibility of what can be furnished by Telehealth in FQHCs/RHCs." #MedicaidTelehealthCCHP

Check out the Medicaid & CHIP Telehealth Toolkit Checklist for states from <a href="mailto:@CMSGov!">@CMSGov!</a> #MedicaidTelehealthCCHP https://t.co/kU31fEU4Tv

Erica Bonnifield from @DHCS\_CA begins her presentation on Medi-Cal's Telehealth Policy! #MedicaidTelehealthCCHP



# Medi-Cal's Telehealth Policy: Pre-COVID-19, Temporary COVID-19 Flexibilities, and Post-COVID-19

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States have established different telehealth flexibilities during the pandemic. CCHP has developed a helpful COVID-19 state actions tracking page that is updated regularly: <a href="https://t.co/38mqYNeSXb">https://t.co/38mqYNeSXb</a> #MedicaidTelehealthCCHP

Q&A with Erica Bonnifield of <a href="MOHCS\_CA"><u>@DHCS\_CA</u></a>: Q: Have these additional flexibilities for Medi-Cal led to increased use of telehealth among providers? A: "We've seen a significant sharp increase in the use of telehealth..."

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Several resources are available on COVID-19 flexibilities in Medi-Cal's Telehealth Policy:

DHCS Website: https://t.co/UWLn4AcjmF

Medi-Cal Provider Manual: <a href="https://t.co/EoUBWpZqxo">https://t.co/EoUBWpZqxo</a>

COVID-19 Flexibilities:

**Total Medicaid Spending** 

nding per full benefit enrollee

State coverage of undocumented children

Enrollment (2019)

50%

7.75M

\$5.318

81% of beneficiaries

Yes

0.52

DSRIP, public hospital incentives program

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<u>@ DShannondowler</u> of North Carolina Medicaid explains how each state establishes their own Medicaid policies. #MedicaidTelehealthCCHP

# WHEN YOU HAVE SEEN ONE MEDICAID STATE, YOU HAVE SEEN...ONE MEDICAID STATE! California North Carolina Medicaid Expansion Managed Care Size: 7.75 million California North Carolina North Carolina Medicaid Expansion Managed Care Size: 2.1 million California North Carolina Medicaid Expansion Managed Care Size: 2.1 million

67%

2.1M

\$5,573

No

0.78

Healthy Opportunities,

N/A (LME-MCOs not comprehensive coverage)

<u>@DShannondowler</u> of <u>@ncdhhs:</u> The White and American Indian subgroups have a disproportionately high volume of claims relative to their share of the NC Medicaid population. #telehealth #healthdisparities #TelehealthMedicaidCCHP

Thank you to all of our speakers during today's #Telehealth and #Medicaid webinar! Sheri Gaskins of <u>@CMSGov</u>, Erica Bonnifield of @DHCS\_CA, @DShannondowler of @ncdhhs #TelehealthMedicaidCCHP

# Thank You!







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