

**645—301.1(147) Telehealth visits.** A licensee may provide speech pathology or audiology services to a patient utilizing a telehealth visit if the services are provided in accordance with the following:

**301.1(1)** “Telehealth visit” means the provision of speech pathology or audiology services by a licensee to a patient using technology where the licensee and the patient are not at the same physical location during the appointment.

**301.1(2)** A licensee engaged in a telehealth visit shall utilize technology that is secure and HIPAA-compliant and that includes, at a minimum, audio and video equipment that allows two-way real-time interactive communication between the licensee and the patient. A licensee may use non-real-time technologies to prepare for an appointment or to communicate with a patient between appointments.

**301.1(3)** A licensee engaged in a telehealth visit shall be held to the same standard of care as a licensee who provides in-person speech pathology or audiology services. A licensee shall not utilize a telehealth visit if the standard of care for the particular speech pathology or audiology service cannot be met using technology.

**301.1(4)** Prior to the first telehealth visit, a licensee shall obtain informed consent from the patient specific to the services that will be provided in a telehealth visit. At a minimum, the informed consent shall specifically inform the patient of the following:

- a.* The risks and limitations of the use of technology to provide speech pathology or audiology services;
- b.* The potential for unauthorized access to protected health information; and
- c.* The potential for disruption of technology during a telehealth visit.

**301.1(5)** A licensee shall only provide speech pathology or audiology services using a telehealth visit in the areas of competence wherein proficiency in providing the particular service using technology has been gained through education, training, and experience.

**301.1(6)** A licensee shall identify in the clinical record when speech pathology or audiology services are provided utilizing a telehealth visit.

[ARC 5863C, IAB 8/25/21, effective 9/29/21]