

Telehealth Subcommittee Action Plan Ideas 2001

Reimbursement

In many states, telehealth providers have simply notified insurance companies that they intend to begin billing for services provided via telemedicine and asking if the insurance company would like a modifier. Committee members feel that this would be the best approach to use in Nebraska. Jolene Davidson from Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital has provided some information on reimbursement in the states surrounding Nebraska. The subcommittee proposes putting together a packet of information for telehealth providers, insurance companies and policy makers.

Bringing Telehealth Providers Together

On April 10, the Telehealth Subcommittee is planning to bring together telehealth grantees and other interested parties to discuss successes and obstacles and to identify best practices.

Addressing Licensure

The Committee could put together a packet of information on what other states have done regarding telehealth licensure for policy makers.

Ensuring Affordable Broadband Access

Affordable broadband access continues to be a barrier to the expansion of telehealth services.

Encouraging Compatible Systems

Telehealth systems in the state should be compatible.

Setting up a Technical Assistance Center

A virtual technical assistance center could provide technical assistance to telehealth providers. The Technical Assistance Center could be a virtual call center or could be Web-based with a bulletin board and best practices. A listserv might also be useful to link telehealth providers in the state.

Bringing in Telehealth Speakers Twice a Year

Involving the Congressional Delegation

We need to keep the Congressional delegation informed on telehealth issues.