

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.

#### 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

#### 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



<sup>\*</sup>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 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.

If you think behavioral health counseling might be right for you, take one of our free online assessments at **MDLIVE.com/BH-Assessments**. Here are some conditions people rely on behavioral health telemedicine for:

- Addiction
- Eating Disorders
- Panic Disorders

- Bipolar Disorders
- Grief and Loss
- Stress

- Depression
- LGBTQ Support
- Trauma and PTSD

#### Telemedicine is covered just like a trip to the doctor.

If your doctor's office visit is	Then your medical and behavioral health telemedicine program benefit cost share is
Covered with a copay	Covered in full.
Covered with copay/deductible	Covered in full once deductible is met.*
Covered deductible/ covered in full	Covered in full once deductible is met.*
Covered with deductible/ coinsurance	Covered in full once deductible is met.*
Covered with coinsurance only	Covered in full once deductible is met.*

<sup>\*</sup>If you haven't met your deductible, you will pay the allowable charge of \$40. The \$40 allowable charge does not apply to Behavioral Health services. The allowable costs for the Behavioral Health services vary but do not exceed \$150. This means a member who as not met their deductible will not pay more than \$150.

# 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 - Text EXCELLUS to 635483

VOICE - Call 1-866-692-5045

- <sup>1</sup> "New medical cost savings program: Telemedicine means great discounts." R. Schultz, January 9, 2010.
- <sup>2</sup> Based on MDLIVE data, 2016.
- <sup>3</sup> Based on New York State Department of Health data, 2016.

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Atención: Si habla español, contamos con ayuda gratuita de idiomas disponible para usted. Consulte el documento adjunto para ver las formas en que puede comunicarse con nosotros.

### 注意:如果您说中文,我们可为您提供免费的语言协助。请参见随附的文件以获取我们的联系方式。 B-6675/14704-20M

## 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.<sup>2</sup>



of emergency room visits can potentially be prevented with telemedicine.<sup>3</sup>

