

Telehealth Rule Wavier

Current Medicare payment regulations limit the use of telehealth services to rural Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSA) and [CMS defined telehealth originating sites listed](#):

- The offices of physicians or practitioners
- Hospitals
- Critical Access Hospitals (CAH)
- Rural Health Clinics
- Federally Qualified Health Centers
- Hospital-based or CAH-based Renal Dialysis Centers (including satellites)
- Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNF)
- Community Mental Health Centers (CMHC)

However, the Next Generation ACO telehealth waiver eliminates both the originating site requirement as well as the rural HPSA requirement and allows an aligned Next Generation ACO beneficiary to receive telehealth services in their home whether they are in a rural area or not.

Medicare beneficiaries associated to a Next Generation ACO will be eligible for the telehealth waiver if their ACO is participating in the waiver and: (1) the beneficiary is located at their home or one of the CMS defined telehealth originating sites listed above and (2) the care received at the beneficiary's home or place of residence is not for:

- Follow-up inpatient telehealth consultations furnished to beneficiaries in hospitals or skilled nursing facilities (SNFs)
- Subsequent hospital care services
- Subsequent nursing facility care services