

## Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama Equipment Standards for Telemedicine

Credentialing and receipt of a signed Telemedicine Attestation are required prior to reimbursement for most telehealth services. Additional requirements may include proof that equipment meets standards and/or a site visit.

**ALL SITES:** Secure HIPAA compliant video conferencing capabilities and adequate and stable bandwidth. For quality purposes, there needs to be a consistent 1 megabyte per second up and 1 megabyte per second down available.

	<b>Distant Site</b>	<b>Originating Site</b>
<b>Cardiologic conditions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High Definition video conferencing capability</li> <li>Stethoscope capabilities (the stethoscope has to be able to transmit the heart and lung sounds electronically)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High Definition video conferencing capability</li> <li>Stethoscope capabilities (the stethoscope has to be able to transmit the heart and lung sounds electronically)</li> </ul>
<b>Dermatologic conditions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High Definition video conferencing capability</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High Definition video conferencing capability</li> <li>Digital Otoscope which provides the ability to view the ear, nose, throat as well as dermatological application</li> </ul>
<b>Infectious disease</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High Definition video conferencing capability</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High Definition video conferencing capability</li> <li>Digital Otoscope which provides the ability to view the ear, nose, throat</li> <li>Hand held high definition scope (when required for condition)</li> </ul>
<b>Mental health disorders</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High Definition video conferencing capability</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High Definition video conferencing capability</li> </ul>
<b>Neurologic diseases, including stroke</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High Definition video conferencing capability</li> <li>Telemedicine cart with Pan, tilt, Zoom cameras so the physician can zoom in and out on the face and body.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High Definition video conferencing capability</li> <li>Telemedicine cart with Pan, tilt, Zoom cameras so the physician can zoom in and out on the face and body.</li> </ul>
<b>Neurologic diseases, not including stroke</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High Definition video conferencing capability</li> <li>Stethoscope capabilities (the stethoscope has to be able to transmit the heart and lung sounds electronically)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High Definition video conferencing capability</li> <li>Stethoscope capabilities (the stethoscope has to be able to transmit the heart and lung sounds electronically)</li> </ul>

Please Note: Providers with Joint Commission Accreditation in Telehealth will be deemed as meeting credentialing and equipment criteria for Telemedicine. No further documentation of equipment required.