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What is the definition of “telemedicine” or “telehealth”?

“‘Telehealth’ means the use of electronic information and telecommunication technologies to support or promote long-distance clinical health care, patient and professional health-related education, public health, or health administration. Telehealth may include, but is not limited to, telemedicine. As used in this subdivision, ‘telemedicine’ means that term as defined in section 3476 of the insurance code of 1956, 1956 PA 218, MCL 500.3476.”

[MICH. COMP. LAWS § 333.16283.](#)

PSYCHIATRISTS

What are the restrictions on the scope of practice for psychiatrists practicing via telemedicine/telehealth?

None identified.

However, Michigan law provides that “a health professional shall not provide a telehealth service without directly or indirectly obtaining consent for treatment.”

[MICH. COMP. LAWS § 333.16284.](#)

A “health professional” is defined as “an individual who is engaging in the practice of a health profession.”

[MICH. Comp. Laws § 333.16283\(a\).](#)

Does a psychiatrist have prescribing authority? If so, under what conditions/limits may a psychiatrist prescribe via telemedicine/telehealth?

Yes. Michigan law provides as follows:

“A health professional who is providing a telehealth service to a patient may prescribe the patient a drug if both of the following are met:

(a) The health professional is a prescriber who is acting within the scope of his or her practice in prescribing the drug.

(b) If the health professional is prescribing a drug that is a controlled substance, the health professional meets the requirements of this act applicable to that health professional for prescribing a controlled substance.”



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[MICH. COMP. LAWS § 333.16286.](#)

SOCIAL WORKERS

What are the restrictions on the scope of practice for social workers practicing via telemedicine/telehealth?

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COUNSELORS

What are the restrictions on the scope of practice for counselors practicing via telemedicine/telehealth?

None identified.

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MARRIAGE/FAMILY THERAPISTS

What are the restrictions on the scope of practice for marriage/family therapists practicing via telemedicine/telehealth?

None identified.

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ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES (APRNs)

What are the restrictions on the scope of practice for APRNs practicing via telemedicine/telehealth?

None identified.

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CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

How are "controlled substances" defined by the state?

Updated hyperlink: [MICH. COMP. LAWS § 333.7104.](#)

What are the requirements/laws governing the prescribing of "controlled" substances?"

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