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Information for Telehealth Visits

What is telehealth?

Telehealth is a way to visit with healthcare providers, such as your doctor or nurse practitioner.

You can talk to your provider from any place, including your home. You don't go to a clinic or hospital.

How do I use telehealth?

- You talk to your provider by phone, computer, or tablet.
- Sometimes, you use video so you and your provider can see each other.

How does telehealth help me?

- You don't have to go to a clinic or hospital to see your provider.
- You won't risk getting sick from other people.

Can telehealth be bad for me?

- You and your provider won't be in the same room, so it may feel different than an office visit.
- Your provider may make a mistake because they cannot examine you as closely as at an office visit. (We don't know if mistakes are more common with telehealth visits.)
- Your provider may decide you still need an office visit.
- Technical problems may interrupt or stop your visit before you are done.

Will my telehealth visit be private?

- We will not record visits with your provider.

- If people are close to you, they may hear something you did not want them to know. You should be in a private place, so other people cannot hear you.
- Your provider will tell you if someone else from their office can hear or see you.
- We use telehealth technology that is designed to protect your privacy.
- If you use the Internet for telehealth, use a network that is private and secure.
- There is a very small chance that someone could use technology to hear or see your telehealth visit.

What if I want an office visit, not a telehealth visit?

Because we have no office, we do not offer office visits; we will do our best to schedule an in-person visit; however please know availability is limited during this time. Many facilities also have visit restrictions.

What if I try telehealth and don't like it?

- You can stop using telehealth any time, even during a telehealth visit.
- You can still get an office visit if you no longer want a telehealth visit. But until the office opens for all appointments, you will get an office visit only for one of the reasons listed above.
- If you decide you do not want to use telehealth again:
 - call 707-451-4111 and say you want to stop, **OR**
 - sign into your patient portal and notify us
 - It will be as if you never signed this form.

How much does a telehealth visit cost?

- What you pay depends on your insurance.
- A telehealth visit will not cost any more than an office visit.
- If your provider decides you need an office visit in addition to your telehealth visit, you may have to pay for both visits.