



July 2, 2021

CORRECTION – UPDATE: Telehealth Policy

This is a correction to the telehealth policy update issued yesterday, July 1, 2021.

On May 20, 2021, First Steps issued an [interim telehealth policy](#) effective July 1, 2021.

Information session. First Steps will hold an information session related to the new interim telehealth policy. This session will be held twice, on Tuesday, July 13 and Thursday, July 15. Please see page two of this update for information on how to join.

CORRECTION: IPLA telehealth provider certification. The IPLA telehealth provider certification is required **only** for those providers who **do not practice predominately in Indiana** (i.e., reside out of state).

First Steps agencies, system points of entry (SPOE), and applicable service providers* must file a telehealth certification with the Indiana Public Licensing Agency (IPLA) in accordance with [Senate Enrolled Act 3/Public Law 85](#) and the requirements set by the IPLA as outlined on the [IPLA website](#). Any questions about the IPLA telehealth certification policy should be directed to independent legal counsel and/or the IPLA.

*Applicable to the following First Steps provider types as listed in Section 13 of SEA 3/PL 85:

- A dietitian licensed under IC 25-14.5
- An occupational therapist licensed under IC 25-23.5
- Any behavioral health and human services professional licensed under IC 25-23.6
- A physical therapist licensed under IC 25-27
- A psychologist licensed under IC 25-33
- A speech-language pathologist licensed under IC 25-35.6

Documentation. As a reminder: telehealth will be documented as a method both on the IFSP and in the service logging module. The “virtual visit log” used during the public health emergency is not required.

Rates. We do not intend to change the reimbursement policy at this time. Telehealth will remain an offsite service with the offsite rate until further notice. As always, our reimbursement policies are dependent upon State Medicaid policy and subject to review and change by State and agency budget officials.

IFSP team meetings. The interim telehealth policy and prohibition of audio-only services does not apply to IFSP

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team meetings.

Telehealth Update Information Session

Please note this is the same session, held twice for your convenience.

Date	Time	How to join
Tuesday, July 13 th	5 p.m. EST	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87062595264?pwd=Y2toK2JiUzQzUmxkMDF0cm5aREVqdz09 Meeting ID: 870 6259 5264 Passcode: 974297 Or join by phone: +1 (312) 626-6799
Thursday, July 15 th	6 p.m. EST	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86820239265?pwd=TDc3c2l2QlE4M0xxSGtrQi9mOFNzUT09 Meeting ID: 868 2023 9265 Passcode: 359638 Or join by phone: +1 (312) 626-6799

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