

Telehealth Taxonomy for FQHC Data Capture

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This guidance document for FQHCs was developed by a Project Team* that included representation by TRCs, NACHC, PCAs and HCCNs. These are what the Project Team considers the “minimum data set” that each individual FQHC should be able to capture with confidence within their data systems. These core data elements were selected within the context of:

- potential for impact on quality metrics and reporting as well as
- potential for impact on FQHC telehealth reimbursement policies.

Our desire is for individual FQHCs and the EMR vendors who work with FQHCs to ensure that these data fields are integrated into data systems so that we have a standardized set of telehealth data that can be reported by all FQHCs.

Dimensions/Elements	Differentiators	Comments
FQHC Provider Type	Qualified Physician	Provider type detail can be captured through UDS and by looking at role types when provisioning EMR access.
	Qualified Non-Physician	
	Other Licensed Clinical Staff	It is understood that many FQHCs will not be able to differentiate between Non-Licensed Clinical Staff and Other Non-Clinical Staff and it is fine to have these reflected as Unknown/Undifferentiated.
	Other Non-Licensed Clinical Staff	
	Other Non-Clinical Staff	
	Unknown/Undifferentiated	Ideally we want to be able to capture the time and effort involved by non-licensed providers as this impacts how the actual cost of care is determined when negotiating payments/rates.

Patient Location	My FQHC (or affiliated satellite/clinic network site location)	This will most likely be a free text capture to start, but consider adding an actual free text field or drop down box to capture this in the future.
	Non-Facility (e.g., patient's home)	
	Other facility (please specify) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Another FQHC • School • Correctional Facility • Other.... 	
	Unknown/Undifferentiated	
Provider Location	My FQHC (or affiliated satellite/clinic network site location)	This will most likely be a free text capture to start, but consider adding an actual free text field or drop down box to capture this in the future
	Non-Facility (e.g., provider's home)	
	Other facility (please specify) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Office/Practice • Hospital/Clinic • Other... 	
	Unknown/Undifferentiated	
Technology Type	Synchronous Telephonic (Audio Only)	It is understood that historical data will not be "clean" since there were a series of policy changes that were rolled out over time.
	Synchronous Video & Audio	

	Synchronous telemetry/ Remote physiologic monitoring/	<p>Moving forward, we want to work toward standardizing this by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recording this information at the encounter data level • Ensuring that the encounter level data capture can be mapped to the billing data for billable encounters <p>This will most likely be a free text capture to start, but consider adding an actual free text field or drop down box to capture this in the future</p>
	Asynchronous/Store-and-Forward	
	Other	

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