Overall Landscape: Oregon has robust Medicaid coverage of telehealth service delivery, including payment parity requirements for all major modalities and allowing providers to use telehealth to establish a relationship with new patients.

How Does Oregon Medicaid Define Telehealth?
Oregon defines telehealth as “the use of electronic information and telecommunications technologies to support remote clinical health care.”

Are There Restrictions On Where The Patient Can Be Located?
There are no major restrictions as regulations allow the patient to “be located in the community,” which at minimum includes the patient’s home.

Does Oregon Medicaid Have Payment Parity For Telehealth Services?
Yes, Oregon Medicaid requires “the same reimbursement for a health service regardless of whether the service is provided in person or using any permissible telemedicine application or technology.” This applies to all covered modalities.

What Are Covered Modalities In Oregon Medicaid?
Oregon Medicaid covers the following modalities:
- Synchronous Video: Yes
- Synchronous Audio-Only: Yes
- Store-And-Forward: Yes
- Remote Patient Monitoring: Yes

Can A Provider Establish A Relationship With A Patient Via Telehealth?
Yes, Oregon Medicaid allows providers to establish a patient-provider relationship via telehealth.

What Is The State Of Abortion Access In Oregon?
While Oregon has no major abortion restrictions and is considered an expanded access state, almost 80% of counties in Oregon do not have at least one clinic that provides abortion care, according to 2017 data analyzed by the Guttmacher Institute.

Who Can Provide Abortion Care In Oregon?
Oregon allows advance practice clinicians, like physician assistants and advanced practice registered nurses, to provide abortion care, in addition to physicians.

For more information, see Progress and Gaps in Medicaid Coverage of Telehealth Medication Abortion Services in Six States. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Cat Duffy, duffy@healthlaw.org