

Current Rules for Medicare FFS Telehealth (as of October 1, 2025)

Period	Coverage Framework	Key Details
Before Oct 1 (Pre-Shutdown)	COVID-era flexibilities	Medical and behavioral health telehealth covered statewide, including patient’s home and audio-only; G2025 for medical telehealth; PPS for BH telehealth
During Shutdown (Statute)	Pre-PHE statutory rules reinstated	Medical telehealth payable only when the patient is physically located at a health center in a rural HPSA and the provider is remote; urban and home-based visits not payable; behavioral health telehealth continues with in-person visit cadence
During Shutdown (CMS / MAC Guidance – Oct 15 FAQ)	CMS guidance conflicts with statute	CMS FAQ states medical telehealth may continue to be billed using G2025 through Dec 31 2025 , and behavioral health telehealth remains allowed under PPS , including audio-only; new in-person cadence begins 2026