# **Telehealth is Here to Stay:** What You Need to Know Now



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# **Telehealth Trends and Waivers**



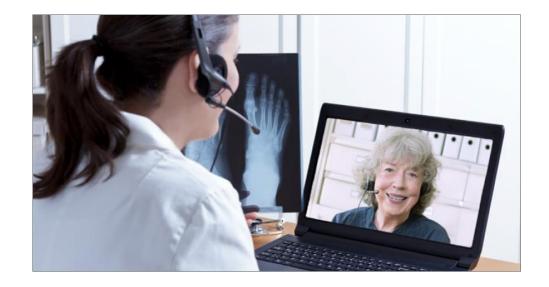
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## Key Drivers of Telehealth

- COVID-19 was a major launch point for telehealth awareness, trial and growth
  - Increased funding, lower compliance requirements
- Consumers are getting more comfortable with the concept
  - 7 out of 10 Americans use mobile apps to track at least one health indicator
  - 77% have shown interest in telehealth
  - 65%+ are willing to use telehealth to manage their chronic diseases
  - 67% percent report telehealth increases their satisfaction with medical care
- In risk bearing models, provides an easy to way to stay in contact with riskier clients



Patients in the hybrid model had significantly fewer hospitalizations in both 30-day and 60day time periods. Patients in the hybrid model also showed substantially more improvement across a variety of measures, including medication management, ambulation and pain mitigation.



# POLL

Are you using telehealth today? What percent of your visits are virtual? Have you seen an improvement in client satisfaction?



### **2022 Telehealth Growth**

37%

Americans had a telehealth session

38x

Increase in telehealth use than before COVID 150%

Growth expected in remote patient monitoring (RPM)



Of health professionals consider telemedicine a high priority

Of health professionals are interested in using telemedicine to improve patient outcomes



### **Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023**

#### Extends these Medicare telehealth waivers through Dec. 31, 2024

- Delays the required in-person visit within 6 months of a mental health services provided via telehealth
- Allows telehealth to be provided through audio-only telecommunications
- Allows the home as an acceptable originating site
- Allows telehealth to be used for a required face-to-face encounter prior to the recertification of a patient's eligibility for hospice care
- Expands the list of eligible practitioners who can provide telehealth services to include occupational therapists, physical therapists, speech-language pathologists, and audiologists
- Allows FQHCs & Rural Health Clinics to continue to provide telehealth services
- Allows telehealth in non-rural locations

### Policy Maker's Concerns re Telehealth

### • Funding

 Some reports that new funding for telehealth (and other new funding by Congress in general) is likely to be tempered because of new spending rules associated with from the new House majority

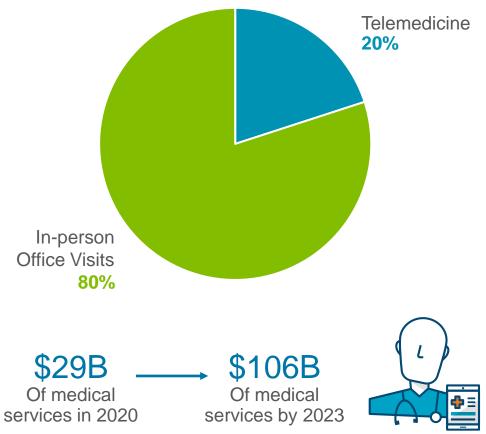
### Policy

- MedPAC study/report with recommendations related to expanding telehealth services is due out June 15, 2023
- HHS Office of the Inspector General (OIG) report on fraud prevention measures is also out June 15
- Projected cost and fraud are two major concerns cited by Congress in connection with expanding or making permanent the telehealth waivers
- Findings and data in these reports may influence their thinking



### Looking ahead – Telehealth and beyond

- We view telehealth as force multiplier for our clients and a key element in a "consumer centricity" evolution
- Anticipate that more of the Medicare, Medicaid, and privately insured office visits will be virtualized in coming years.
- More states and payers are reimbursing for telehealth
- Telehealth will divert a significant percentage of emergency department visits and become an important adjunct to community care support. This will account for upwards of \$106 billion by 2023.



2020 U.S. Medical Visits



# POLL

What product are you using to deliver telehealth services?



# Current Trends and Industry Drivers



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### **Consumer Trends**

What is driving the need to digitalize the patient experience?

### **Three-Quarters of Patients Note Patient Experience Pros and Cons**

Patients keep a mental checklist of patient experience satisfiers like convenient appointment scheduling, friendly staff, and use of patient engagement technology.

#### How telehealth can improve efficiency and increase revenue

Juli Stover, chief strategy officer at eVisit, outlines three ways health system CIOs and virtual care execs can boost the ROI of their telemedicine investments.

When Digital Drives Consumer Choice: Why Healthcare Tech Leaders Must Consider User Experience

Joshua Titus Forbes Councils Member Forbes Technology Council COUNCIL POST | Membership (Fee-Based)

**Consumers' Perspective Top of Mind** According to a recent Accenture survey, <u>half of healthcare</u> <u>consumers</u> say a bad digital experience can ruin their entire experience with a provider, and about one in four would switch providers for high-quality digital services.

### Patient Engagement Solutions Market to Reach USD 32 Billion by 2028 | BlueWeave Consulting



### **Consumerism of Healthcare**

Healthcare organizations increasing their focus on consumer engagement

- Virtual Mental Health apps raise record \$1.5b in funding
- With an increasing number of giant retail and technology companies entering the healthcare space, meeting consumer expectations is essential for practices to engage individuals and remain competitive
- A rise in new devices is expected as well, such as wearable technologies that enable remote monitoring. There will be a wider adaptation of embedding telehealth solutions in the <u>EHR</u>, in order to make it possible to have a person's information already available to the provider
- Touchpoints at each stage of the persons journey are essential to improve clinical outcomes and can be streamlined through an engagement platform



https://www.softserveinc.com/en-us/video-on-demand/elevate-healthcareconsumer-engagement-models

https://www.healthcareitnews.com/news



## The Journey to Virtual Care

#### The progression to true virtual care

#### **Utilizing CareRecord-**Virtual Data Exchange **Mobile Health-Consumer** Securely and electronically exchange **Based Telehealth** Inform, Empower, Engage, Support documentation with partner providers with whom Digitized visits with integrated you share patients, and perform virtual visits scheduling and billing myHealthPointe CareConnect<sup>™</sup> CareRecord<sup>™</sup> Integration Vitals

**Telemonitoring** Turning care insights into action Provider Network

Including your clinical team onto a national network to extend provider access

#### Integrated, Virtual Care

Device and telehealth integration into the CareRecord with the ability of staff to leverage the broader patient network and share documented information through interoperability standards



### **Enabling Your Virtual Care Strategy**

Not just technology

- It takes more than just enabling the technology. There needs to be a cultural shift in organizational mindset.
- Technology needs education for staff on how they can benefit and create value for themselves and consumers
- Output: Consumers won't use it unless they see the value intentional education and promotion of how they benefit
- Show consumers the value by tying virtual engagement to inperson conversations and treatment plans

The use of telemedicine rises as people get older, and is highest with women making up 42% of users in comparison to men at 31.7%



### **Telehealth Value for Providers**

#### Telehealth improves efficiency and can increase revenue

Telehealth is no longer viewed as a replacement to in-person visits but instead as a complementary service

- Telehealth allows providers to appropriately assess and triage patients, increasing the efficiency of clinician's workflows
- Staffing shortages combined with increased patient demand is creating wait time of several weeks to months
- Providers can supplement their physical clinic capacity with virtual capacity to increase revenue and prevent patients from seeking care elsewhere
- An integrated telehealth solution allows for providers to facilitate the entire patient journey from intake to follow-up
- Telehealth has shown to decrease the rate of missed appointments and increase levels of engagement from patients



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### **Outreach by the Numbers**

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Total Sites

- 5 Outpatient Clinics ٠
- 5 Outpatient Satellite Clinics ٠
- 2 Adolescent Residential ٠
- 2 Adult 820 Residences

3,926 Clients served last year

67.6% Male/ 32.4% Female ٠ ٠

- Ages 14-79
  - Upton, NY to Yonkers, NY ٠

and Staten Island



2,149

117 courses

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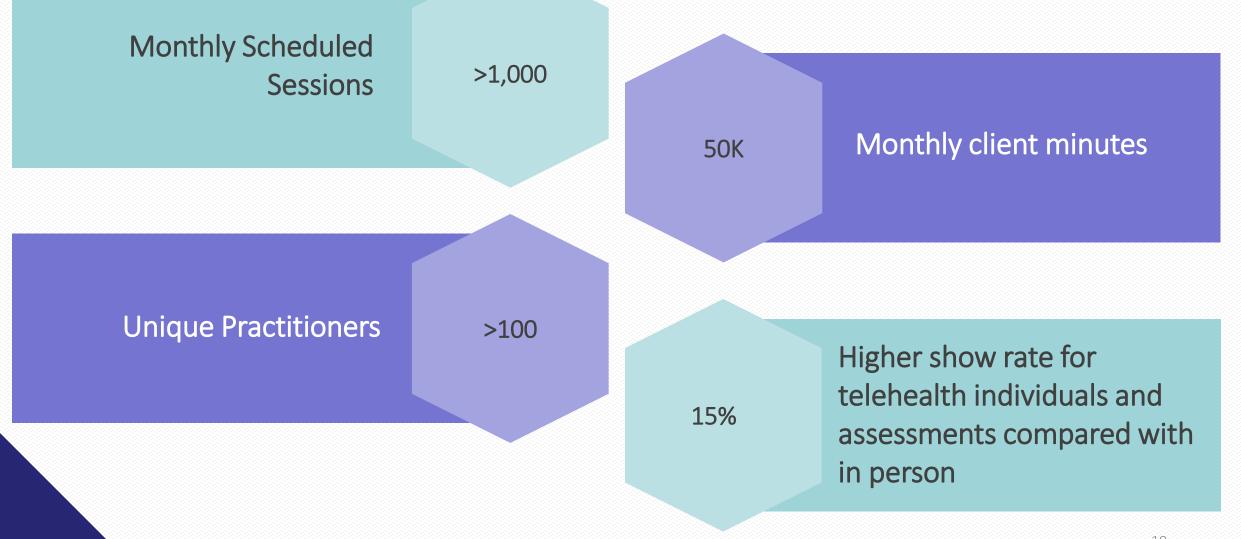
- Full CASAC program ٠
  - Internal/External Training



#### opportunities

Go to http://opiny.org to find out more

# Outreach Telehealth Usage



### **3** ways Netsmart can help support your virtual care programs

Ease of use for consumers

Expand access to care

Time savings for staff

Enhance client and family satisfaction and convenience by expanding options for receiving care Eliminate the walls of treatment and expand coverage area to remove geographic barriers Reduce documentation burdens and increase ease of use for staff with an EHR-integrated platform



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