

OREGON BOARD OF NATUROPATHIC MEDICINE TELEMEDICINE GUIDELINES

Per the American Telemedicine association: "... *telemedicine is the remote delivery of health care services and clinical information using telecommunications technology. This includes a wide array of clinical services using internet, wireless, satellite and telephone media.*"

- 1) Oregon Revised Statutes and Oregon Administrative Rules regulate the practice of naturopathic medicine in the State of Oregon – and only the State of Oregon. All state regulations begin and end at the boarder of each state.
- 2) State laws and rules protect members of the public in that state. States regulate treatment of patients physically located with-in the borders of their state. The state the patient is physically located at the time of treatment is the location of treatment.
- 3) Naturopathic Physicians licensed in the State of Oregon may treat patients via telemedicine who are physically located in the State of Oregon at the time of treatment.
- 4) Naturopathic Physicians licensed in the State of Oregon do not have to establish care through an in-person appointment prior to engaging in telemedicine. Oregon licensees may engage in telemedicine with a new patient that they have not previously seen in person.
- 5) Only Naturopathic Physicians licensed in the State of Oregon may treat patients via telemedicine who are physically located in the State of Oregon at the time of treatment.
- 6) Naturopathic Physicians licensed in the State of Oregon, who want to treat patients via telemedicine who are not physically located in the State of Oregon at the time of treatment, must comply with the regulations in the state the patient is physically located at the time of treatment.
- 9) Naturopathic Physicians licensed in the State of Oregon who want to treat patients in an unlicensed state via telemedicine are responsible for verifying state laws regarding the practice of naturopathic medicine in that state.
- 10) The same standard of care and charting requirements apply to telemedicine.

**The Board does not regulate insurance coverage; the Board encourages licensees to check with their malpractice and/or other insurance carriers to determine coverage prior to engaging in telemedicine.*