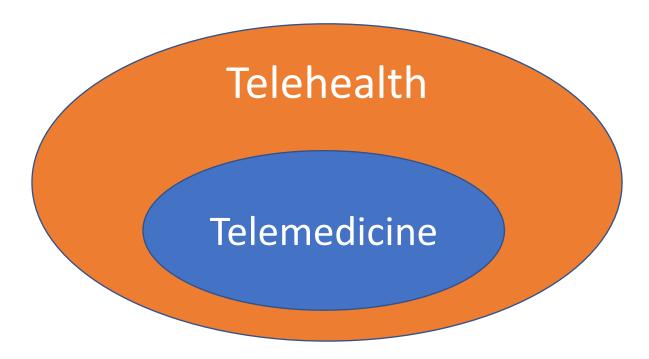
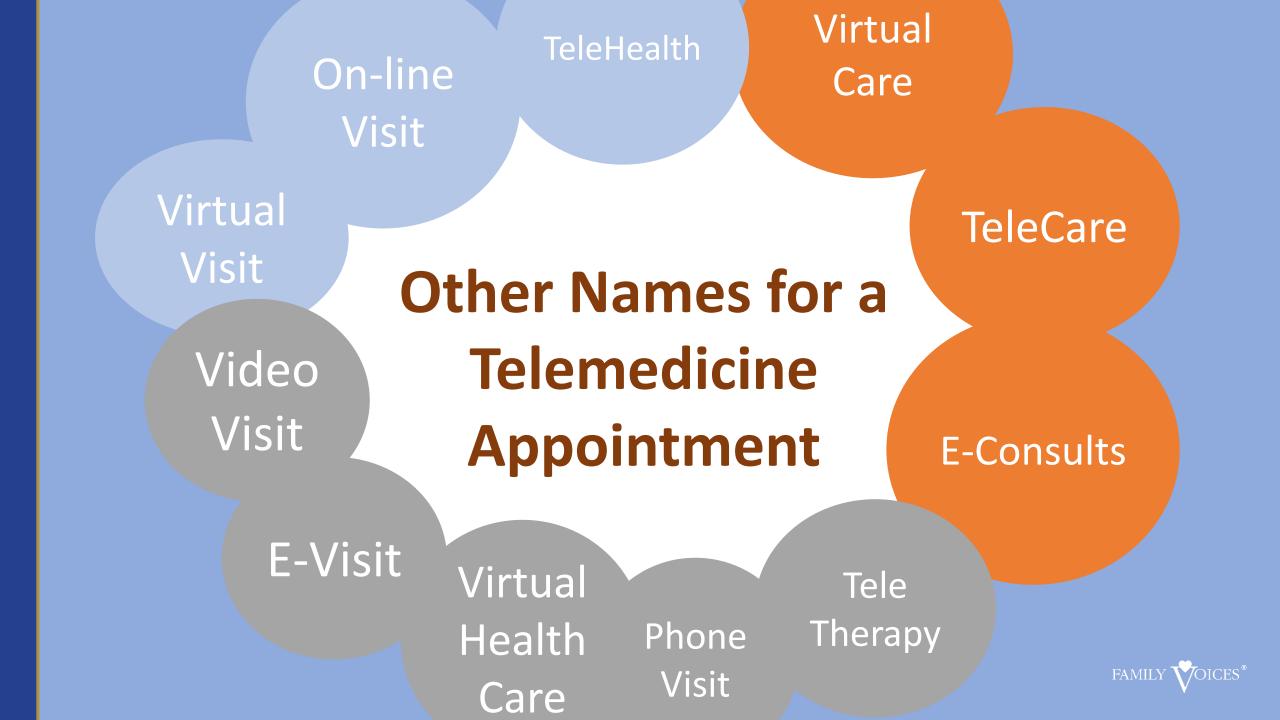


## **Preparing for a Successful Telehealth Visit**



If you are on today's call or viewing the recording – you are primed for a successful telehealth visit for yourself, for your child or family member, or for others you may support.



#### **Benefits of Telemedicine**

- Convenient and effective way to receive care
- Transportation may not be needed
- Saves travel time and travel related expenses (gas, food, lodging
- May not need to take time from work or childcare
- Weather cancellations unlikely
- Increased comfort, convenience, and satisfaction
- Reduced anxiety and pre-appointment stress
- Providers may be able to see patients in an optimal environment
- Avoid ER, reduce ER avoidance
- During pandemics, reduced exposure





#### **Limitations of Telemedicine**

- Unable to conduct physical exams
- Unable to conduct lab tests
- Unable to provide immunizations
- Unable to provide certain therapies or infusions
- Lack of insurance coverage
- Lack of connectivity and/or devices
- Poor camera quality
- Lack of experience, hesitant
- "Camera Shy"
- Privacy concerns

Identifying strategies and supports may help overcome limitations.





#### Do you have the necessary tech for a telehealth visit?

- Phone with service or minutes
- Desktop or laptop computer with microphone, camera, speakers/headset and internet
- Tablet, smart phone with internet or cellular service



*Need internet?* Family and friends, libraries, community center, schools, many businesses, discounts from providers

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*Need device?* Family and friends, libraries/community centers/schools, Lifeline, Human IT

www.human-i-t.org/request-technology



#### Do you have the necessary tech for a telehealth visit?

*Need phone service?* Family and friends, Lifeline, discounts from providers

The 211 Helpline can be called 24/7 by anyone needing information or support — whether financial, family, mental health, or disaster-related. From health and human service programs, community services, disaster services and government programs, the 211 Helpline app is a one-stop source of information. Categories listed include food, housing, financial assistance, employment services, healthcare, volunteer/donate and more.









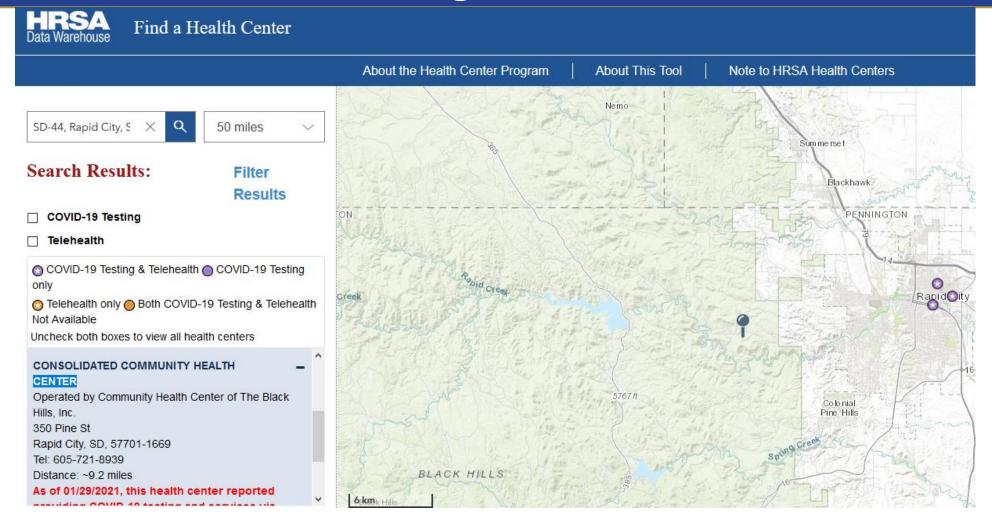
### **Finding a Provider**

- Your usual care team
- Your insurance
- Referrals from people you trust
- Health Center
   https://telehealth.hhs.gov/





### **Finding a Provider**





#### **Before Your Visit**

- Complete and return paperwork
- Alert provider for needed accommodations
- Ask provider if you should have anything on hand for the session and assemble
- Write down symptoms, questions or concerns to discuss
- Have a list of medications (or actual bottles) le
- Have information on your preferred pharmacyavailab available
- Charge your devices, have charging cords handy and be near a power source
- Complete any updates to your tech, including browser



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#### **Before Your Visit - Continued**

- Install any programs needed for the virtual visit and test/practice in advance
- Reduce background noise, plan an activity for who may be with you
- Select a quiet, private, well-lit area with reliable connection
- Keep camera steady
- Don't wear noisy jewelry
- Close any unneeded programs or applications
- Have a something to write with and write on for notetaking
- Have a support person with you to listen, take notes if helpful



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#### **Prepare Your Child for a Successful Visit**

- Put the visit on their calendar/schedule
- Create a social story or use video to help them understand
  - Make your own social story
     <u>www.rchsd.org/documents/2015/07/adi-social-story-template.pptx</u>
- Practice having a televisit
- Have child eat and use restroom before session
- Plan an activity for other children in the home
- Aim for a distraction free area
- Would they benefit from having a favorite item with them



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#### **Just Prior to the Telehealth Visit**

- Turn off other household devices that may slow internet
- Close all unneeded apps/programs
- Log into appointment several minutes early
- Have provider phone number available if internet connection lost





### **During the Telehealth Visit**

- During the Telehealth Visit
- Accommodations should be provided.
- Take turns speaking.
- Ask questions, share, ask provider to repeat
- Non-verbal communication may not be seen
- Take time to process information and make a decision
- Ask how to communicate if you have questions or need to follow up
- Glitches will happen, your provider will assist



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#### **After the Telehealth Visit**



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- Follow up
  - Medications or supplies
  - Tests or procedures
  - Referral to other providers
  - Subsequent appointment



### **Resources to Help**

- Worksheet Preparing for a Successful Telehealth Visit
- Tip Sheets Barrier Busters
  - My insurance does not cover telehealth
  - My child won't participate
  - I can't find a private or quite place
  - I am not comfortable being on camera
- South Dakota Parent Connection

# PREPARING FOR A SUCCESSFUL TELEHEALTH VISIT



#### Before Telehealth Visit:

#### Make sure you have the right space & equipment:



- A quiet, private, well-lit area with a reliable internet connection.
- A device with a camera and microphone. Install any apps recommended by your healthcare provider and assure the provider has your most current phone number or email.
- · A notepad, paper, shared plan of care or some other way to take notes.



 Confirm with your provider if you will need the following: a thermometer, scale, blood pressure monitor and/or flashlight. These items may be helpful in the exam but may not be required.

#### Identify and gather information:

A list of celebrations, concerns or challenges since your child's last visit.



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