

I Cannot Get to my Doctor Right Now. What are my Options?

Good news – CMS has broadened the permissions surrounding telehealth. Under recent legislation, Medicare is now able to cover telemedicine for a much larger group of beneficiaries. Prior to this legislation, Medicare-covered telemedicine was limited to primarily rural areas where access to care is limited. Under the bill, Medicare beneficiaries can receive care from any doctor (not just visits that are related to COVID-19) via phone or video at no additional cost as a way to expand care during this time while also keeping more people at home—especially individuals over the age of 65. This is particularly impactful for beneficiaries enrolled in Original Medicare plans. If you are enrolled in a Medicare Advantage plan, you may already have access to telemedicine benefits, so consult your insurance company for details.

If you have questions about what this may mean for you as you approach Medicare, contact the RetireMEDiQ team of expert advisors at 1-866-600-4266 or visit www.retiremediq.com/mb. You can also email us at advicemb@retiremediq.com