Telehealth and Respiratory Therapy

Telehealth is the broad use of electronic synchronous or asynchronous communication technology to provide virtual health care services and consultations (telemedicine) for patients or providers residing in separate locations. Services can include patient assessment and education, diagnostic evaluation, sleep testing, monitoring, disease management, disease prevention, health promotion, and rehabilitation as well as specific patient consultations.

The American Association for Respiratory Care (AARC) supports efforts to provide patients access to respiratory therapy services via telehealth. Furthermore, the AARC supports the recognition of respiratory therapists as providers of telehealth services under Medicare, Medicaid, commercial and other health insurance programs.

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