

**§17401. Definitions**

As used in this subchapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings. [PL 2021, c. 291, Pt. B, §22 (NEW).]

**1. Asynchronous encounter.** "Asynchronous encounter" means an interaction between a patient and a person licensed under this chapter through a system that has the ability to store digital information, including, but not limited to, still images, video files, audio files, text files and other relevant data, and to transmit such information without requiring the simultaneous presence of the patient and the person licensed under this chapter.

[PL 2021, c. 291, Pt. B, §22 (NEW).]

**2. Store and forward transfer.** "Store and forward transfer" means the transmission of a patient's records through a secure electronic system to a person licensed under this chapter.

[PL 2021, c. 291, Pt. B, §22 (NEW).]

**3. Synchronous encounter.** "Synchronous encounter" means a real-time interaction conducted with an interactive audio or video connection between a patient and a person licensed under this chapter or between a person licensed under this chapter and another health care provider.

[PL 2021, c. 291, Pt. B, §22 (NEW).]

**4. Telehealth services.** "Telehealth services" means health care services delivered through the use of information technology and includes synchronous encounters, asynchronous encounters, store and forward transfers and telemonitoring.

[PL 2021, c. 291, Pt. B, §22 (NEW).]

**5. Telemonitoring.** "Telemonitoring" means the use of information technology to remotely monitor a patient's health status via electronic means, allowing the person licensed under this chapter to track the patient's health data over time. Telemonitoring may be synchronous or asynchronous.

[PL 2021, c. 291, Pt. B, §22 (NEW).]

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