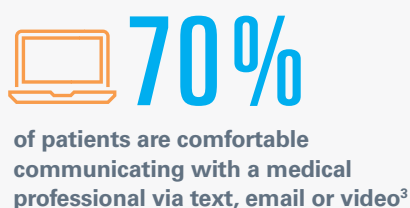
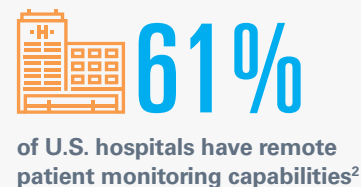


TELEHEALTH FOR MORE THAN CORONAVIRUS CARE

As Americans follow stay-at-home orders and limit exposure to others, health officials and medical practitioners alike are encouraging patients to use telehealth services unless they are in need of critical care.

Offering a broad range of services from primary care, to remote monitoring – including blood pressure, fetal health, diabetes and virtual ICUs – to behavioral health and treatment for addiction, utilizing telehealth allows patients to receive the care they need without unnecessary risk of exposure, further spreading of COVID-19 or additional strain to the healthcare system.

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On March 19, all 36 locally based, independently operated BCBS companies and the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Federal Employee Program[®] announced expanded coverage for telehealth services for 90 days. Also, the recently enacted CARES Act⁵ includes a provision for coverage of telehealth visits with no deductible for both COVID-19 related services and those not related to the virus.

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