

# What you need to know about telepharmacy in Illinois

**BACKGROUND:** In 2010, the Illinois Board of Pharmacy implemented rules regarding the practice of telepharmacy. TelePharm has been used in pharmacies in Illinois since 2013.

## What is telepharmacy?

Telepharmacy is the delivery of pharmaceutical care via telecommunications to patients at a distance, or in areas where they may not have access to a pharmacist.

There are **125** communities\* in Illinois that could potentially lose their only local pharmacy.



**DID YOU KNOW?**

## Legislative overview

- No mileage restrictions for the location of a telepharmacy
- Each pharmacist at the home pharmacy may electronically supervise no more than 3 remote sites that are simultaneously open.
- The pharmacy technician located at the remote dispensing site must have one year of experience and be registered as a certified pharmacy technician, or be a student pharmacist.



**DID YOU KNOW?**

There are **114** communities\* located 10 or more miles away from the nearest pharmacy in Illinois. This presents a big opportunity for pharmacists.

## How does telepharmacy work?

Think of a community telepharmacy as an extension of your current pharmacy. A retail telepharmacy is a licensed brick-and-mortar pharmacy staffed by one (or more) certified pharmacy technician(s). A pharmacist supervises the telepharmacy, or remote dispensing site, from a traditional pharmacy.

*"Telepharmacy helps create a new patient-pharmacist relationship that wasn't possible before. I highly recommend retail telepharmacy to any pharmacy owners or pharmacists."*

Angela Falk, PharmD at Sav Mor Pharmacy

\*According to our independent research

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