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As of March 17, the federal government has relaxed HIPAA requirements for the use of telehealth. These new provisions allow for the use of video chat applications connecting with certain platforms detailed below. Details of these new provisions can be found on the HHS.gov website here: <https://www.hhs.gov/hipaa/for-professionals/special-topics/emergency-preparedness/notification-enforcement-discretion-telehealth/index.html>

Platforms **APPROVED** include but are not limited to:

Apple FaceTime, Facebook Messenger video chat, Google Hangouts video, Zoom or Skype.

Platforms **NOT APPROVED** from the new provisions due to public access include but are not limited to:

Facebook Live, Twitch, TikTok, and similar video communication applications that are public facing

These new provisions relate to telehealth provided for any reason, regardless of whether the telehealth service is related to the diagnosis and treatment of health conditions related to COVID-19.

For more information, go to:

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