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Questions and Answers from Webinar

**Telepractice Going the Distance: Addressing Needs of Rural Public Schools -
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Jane: What is the approximate cost of small meeting/mid-level equipment? Do you have a range?

Carol: AS A RESULT OF MERGERS, CURRENTLY THERE ARE A LIMITED NUMBER OF COMPANIES OFFERING THE DEVICES. THE MINIMUM EDUCATIONAL PRICING THAT I HAVE FOUND STARTS AT ABOUT \$4,500. THEY CAN GO UP TO TENS OF THOUSANDS. THAT IS WHY IT IS IMPORTANT TO HAVE A CLEAR IDEA OF WHAT YOU WANT TO DO SO YOU DON'T BUY MORE THAN YOU NEED OR WANT.

Janet Sandler: Are there any lists of reimbursement policies by insurance company, state, Medicaid, etc?

Carol: I DON'T KNOW OF ANY LISTS (IT ALL VARIES STATE TO STATE AND BY CARRIER) BUT ASHA WEBSITE IS A GREAT PLACE TO START (<http://www.asha.org/practice/telepractice/>). CHECK OUT CMS.GOV FOR REIMBURSEMENT GUIDELINES RELATED TO MEDICARE. MEDICAID IS STATE TO STATE AND VARIES PRACTITIONER TO PRACTITIONER

Leslie blackman 2: I thought Mike said license should be held in both locations: provider location and client location?

Carol: THAT IS CORRECT. APOLOGIES IF THAT WAS CONTRADICTED

Lori Genrich: What are the guidelines if a homeschooling or virtual school parent is the facilitator?

Carol: I NEED MORE INFORMATION. GUIDELINES FOR REIMBURSEMENT, FACILITATOR?

Kathy: You may contact Carol at duddincc@jmu.edu

Avivit: you mentioned they were using a cell phone, why?

Carol: WE USED A CELL PHONE FOR TIMES WHEN WE ARE UNABLE TO CONNECT VIA THE DIGITAL CONFERENCING UNITS. AS WE HAVE EXPERIENCED, SOMETIMES CONNECTIONS ARE TROUBLESOME

Nan: Can SLPA's be utilized?

Carol: WE HAVE USED THEM AS FACILITATORS, FOLLOWING THE SAME ETHICAL AND PRACTICE GUIDELINES/SCOPE OF PRACTICE AS SHARED IN PRESENTATION. ARE YOU ASKING IF THEY CAN PROVIDE THE SERVICES? IN THAT CASE, IT DEPENDS ON LICENSING LAWS AND PAYER REQUIREMENTS.

Kathy: More information about telerehabilitation and telepractice (in addition to the references in the Powerpoint slides) can be found at:
<http://matrc.org/telerehabilitation-telepractice>