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Minutes from OD Low Vision Workgroup meeting

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1. Reviewed stop codes for TBI clinics
 - a) TBI Clinics should be set up to use stop code 197 (Polytrauma/TBI) with a secondary code of 408 (optometry) or 407 (ophthalmology).
2. Question regarding when to use outside vendors for device evaluation and training?
 - a) All clinics are doing their own evaluation of the low vision devices
 - b) Some clinics are using outside vendors or BROS for device training, esp computer training and CCTV
 - c) Some clinics have used outside services for device set up
 - d) Some clinics have hoptels to use if pt transportation is an issue
 - e) If you do not have the specific device in your clinic that needs to be evaluated, you could contact a rep to see if they can bring the device to clinic so you are able to do the assessment
3. Telehealth
 - a) V-tel program is very limited so far (5 encounters nationally)
 - b) Hines has a BRS specialist to do telehealth
 - c) There are TMS courses available for telehealth
 - d) Questions regarding coding for telehealth:
 - (1) Event capture, documenting productivity, who codes it, split credit?
 - (2) These issues are still being sorted through
 - (3) It has to be set up with 2 appts: the person that gets credit is the first to log in
 - e) Future meeting: We will look into the possibility of having a specialist join a call to talk about this relatively new program.
4. Next call, June 18, 2012

