

State Telehealth Expansion

(or related expansion which may be relevant for telehealth)

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Alabama	Governor Executive Order pursuant to State Code Bulletin No. 2020-02		Health carriers are asked to review and ensure their telehealth programs with participating providers are robust and will be able to meet any increased demands.	All health care professionals and assisting personnel executing the alternative-standards-of-care-plans in good faith are hereby declared to be "Emergency Management Workers." (EO) Any requirement for a license to practice any professional, mechanical, or other skill shall not apply to any authorized emergency management worker who shall, in the course of performing their duties, and shall possess the same privileges they would ordinarily possess if performing their duties in their own state.		COVID-19
Alaska	DOI Bulletin 20- 07		Puts in place HB 29 which expands telehealth to all covered services provided by a provider. Carriers should waive cost- sharing for utilization of telehealth.			COVID-19
Arizona	Governor Executive Order			Allows Arizona Department of Health Services to waive licensing requirements to provide healthcare officials with assistance		COVID-19



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				in delivering services during times of heightened demand		
California	Governor Executive Order DMHC APL20- 009 Emergency Telehealth Guidance		Health plans shall reimburse providers at the same rate, whether a service is provided in-person or through telehealth, if the service is the same regardless of the modality of delivery, as determined by the provider's description of the service on the claim. Reimbursement should be the same for a service rendered via telephone as they would if the service is rendered via video. Requires Medi-Cal managed care plans to allow members to obtain health care via telehealth when medically appropriate.	Any out-of-state personnel, including, but not limited to, medical personnel, entering California to assist in preparation for, responding to, mitigating the effects of, and recovering from COVID-19 shall be permitted to provide services in the same manner as prescribed in Government Code section 179.5.		COVID-19
Colorado	Department of Regulatory Agencies,		Directing carriers to provide telehealth services to cover	Out of state doctors provide free services during medical emergency: existing law allows a physician who		COVID-19



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	Division of Insurance Policy		COVID-19 related in- network telehealth	is not currently licensed in Colorado to provide medical care in		
	Directive		services at no cost	connection with an emergency so		
	000		share, including co- pays, deductibles,	long as such services are gratuitous.		
	DPO Emergency		coinsurance.	The Medical Practice Act also		
	<u>Licensure</u>		Emergency regulation formalizing this	allows for a physician licensed and lawfully practicing medicine in		
	<u>Dept. Reg</u> <u>Press Release</u>		directive coming soon.	another state or territory without restrictions to provide occasional services in Colorado. DORA will waive licensing requirements and rules in order to allow for late renewals, reinstatements for the emergency partied and reactivations for the		
				period, and reactivations for the emergency period of the volunteer nurses and other qualified licensed providers from out of state, so as to support measures to reduce or prevent the spread of COVID-19.		
Connecticut	DOI Bulletin Department of Health Order		Carriers to waive cost-sharing on telehealth visits and list each carrier's telehealth service link	Temporary suspension for a period of 60 days, of the requirements of licensure, certification or registration, to allow persons who are appropriately licensed, certified or registered in another state or territory of the U.S. or D.C. to render temporary assistance in Connecticut within the score of the		COVID-19
				Connecticut within the scope of the profession for which a provider is licensed.		



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Delaware	Insurance Commissioner Bulletin to Insurers Governor Executive Order	Requirements that the patient must be present in Delaware at the time telemedicine services are provided are suspended, so long as the patient is a Delaware resident.	Prohibits carriers from excluding a service for coverage solely because the service is provided through telemedicine services. If an in- network provider is not available, the carrier must provide access to an out-of- network provider at the in-network cost- sharing reimbursement level	Any out of state healthcare provider who would be permitted to provide telemedicine services to a Delaware resident if they hold an active license in another jurisdiction.	The Delaware Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline's Regulation 19 regarding restrictions on the use of telemedicine is suspended.	COVID-19
Florida	Department of Health Declaration of Public Health Emergency			Waive licensure requirements for out-of-state health care professionals who render services in Florida related to COVID-19 Health care professionals, advanced life support professionals, and basic life support professionals holding a valid, unrestricted, and unencumbered license in any state, territory and/or district may render such services in Florida during a period not to exceed 30 days, suspending licensing and registration renewal requirements for existing professional licenses.		COVID-19



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Georgia	Georgia			The Georgia Composite Medical		COVID-19
	<u>Composite</u>			Board is authorized to grant		
	Medicine Board			temporary licenses to physicians		
				who apply for a temporary medical		
				license and are currently licensed		
				as a physician in good standing by		
				equivalent boards in other states		
				to assist with the needs of this		
				public health emergency		
Hawaii	Updated			Allow out-of-state physicians,		COVID-19
	Executive Order			osteopathic physicians, and		
				physician assistants to practice in		
				Hawaii without a license; provided		
				that they have never had their		
				license revoked or suspended and		
				are hired by a state or county		
				agency or facility, or by a hospital,		
				including related clinics and		
				rehabilitation hospitals, nursing		
				home, hospice, pharmacy, or		
				clinical laboratory.		
Idaho	Idaho Board of			Provide temporary licensees to		COVID-19
	Nursing			nurses from non-compact states		
	Comments			and waive fees, temporary licenses		
				to previously licensed retired/non-		
				practicing Idaho nurses for both in-		
				person or telehealth services		
Indiana	Emergency			Suspension of the requirement that		COVID-19
	Declaration			a healthcare provider hold an		
				Indiana license if he or she: (1) has		
				an equivalent license from another		
				state, and (2) is not suspended or		



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				barred from practice in that State or any State.		
lowa	Proclamation of Disaster Emergency			Suspension of administrative rules which prohibit the practice of medicine and surgery, osteopathic medicine and surgery, nursing, respiratory care, and practice as a physician assistant, by a licensee whose license is inactive or lapsed. Suspension of regulatory provisions that require a minimum number of hours of field experience if the higher education institution providing practitioner preparation program determines that the student has completed sufficient field experience to determine that the student should be recommended for licensure.	Temporarily suspended preconditions, limitations, or restrictions on telemedicine to enhance telehealth delivery including lifting restrictions on residential and outpatient substance use disorder treatment and for face- to-face visitations	COVID-19
Kansas	Executive Order Updated KSBHA Guidance Emergency Temporary			Allows out-of-state physicians to use telemedicine with patients without having a Kansas license (meeting certain requirements). The Board is also accepting applications for temporary licensure, available to all health care professions regulated by the	Temporarily expands telemedicine	COVID-19



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	<u>License</u>			board. Temporary licenses will		
	Application			cancel in 90 days if not renewed.		
				All license fees will be waived.		
Kentucky	Kentucky Board			Medical and Osteopathic		COVID-19
	of Medical			physicians not already licensed to		
	Licensure			practice in the Commonwealth of		
	Instructions for			Kentucky may register to practice		
	Registration of			within Kentucky during the state of		
	Health			emergency.		
	Practitioners in					
	Response to					
	Emergency			The Levision Health Freezeway	14/	CO)//D 40
Louisiana	Alluded in		Medicaid can	The Louisiana Health Emergency	Waives	COVID-19
	Governor Declaration of		temporarily cover	<u>Powers Act</u> is referenced, to provide for the temporary	limitations on use of audio-	
	Declaration of		services through audio without video.	appointment, licensing or	only for	
	Emergency			credentialing of health care	telemedicine	
	DOULAG		Requires insurers to	providers who are willing to assist	services.	
	DOH LAC		provide mental health	in responding to the public health	Services.	
			with parity via	emergency		
	DOI Emergency		telemedicine. Waives	emergency		
	Rule		telemedicine			
			coverage limitations			
			on providers via			
			telemedicine.			
			Requires an			
			evaluation in			
			differences in cost-			
			sharing			
			responsibilities for			
			insureds seeking in			



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			and out of network			
			care.			
Maine	Supplemental		Prohibits carriers			
	Order for		from refusing to pay			
	Telemedicine		claims submitted for			
			telemedicine.			
			Requires carriers to			
			provide parity in			
			coverage for clinically			
			appropriate			
			telehealth of			
			medically necessary			
			services either by			
			audio or video.			
			Requires payment of			
			in-network rates for			
			telehealth			
Nebraska	DOI Telehealth		Providers are not			COVID-19
	<u>Notice</u>		required to obtain a			
			patient's signature on			
			a written agreement			
			prior to providing			
			telehealth services.			
			Insurance claims for			
			telehealth will not be			
			denied solely on the			
			basis of a lack of a			
			signed written			
			statement.			
Maryland	Governor			Health care practitioners that hold	A health care	COVID-19
	Executive Order			licenses, certifications, or other	practitioner	
				permits issued by other states and	may engage	



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		Language	Coverage		Important	Health Care?
					Language	
				that demonstrate the meeting of	in activities	
				qualifications for professional,	that are not	
				mechanical, or other skills, be	authorized by	
				deemed licensed, certified, or	their license	
				permitted in Maryland to render	at a health	
				aid during the state of emergency	care facility in	
					Maryland if	
					doing so is	
					necessary to	
					allow the	
					health care	
					facility to	
					meet required	
					staffing ratios	
					or otherwise	
					ensure the	
					continued	
					and safe	
					delivery of	
					health care	
					services	
Massachusetts	Order to Expand	Carriers shall not impose	All Commercial	Expedite processing of reciprocal	Carriers	COVID-19
	Access to	prior authorization	Health Insurers,	license applications for nurses	cannot	
	<u>Telehealth</u>	requirements on	BCBSMA, and carriers	licensed in another jurisdiction to	impose	
	<u>Services</u>	medically necessary	are required to allow	be processed in one business day.	specific	
		treatment deliver via	in-network providers	Licenses of physicians who have	requirements	
	Board of	telehealth related to	to deliver clinically	retired within the last year, allows	on the	
	Registration in	COVID-19 at in-network	appropriate,	providers in good standing licensed	technologies	
	Nursing	providers	medically-necessary	in other states to obtain	used to	
			covered services via	emergency licenses to practice in	deliver	
	<u>Governor</u>		telehealth, without	person or through telemedicine	telehealth	
	Executive Order		cost-sharing		services,	



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	to Support Expedited Licensing of Health Care				including any limitations of audio-only or live video technologies Expands telehealth by facilitating telehealth services across state	
Mississippi	Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure Proclamation	Until action is taken by the Governor to lift the declared emergency., the Board of Medical Licensure encourages all physicians to utilize telemedicine and will not enforce any statute, rule or regulation that would require physicians to personally examine patients prior to the issuance of a prescription or order the administration of medication, including controlled substances		Out-of-state physicians may utilize telemedicine when treating patients in Mississippi without the necessity of securing a license to practice medicine in the state, provided the out of state physician holds an unrestricted license to practice medicine in the state which they practice.	lines	COVID-19
Missouri	Executive Order	No longer require patients have an established relationship		Waive the need for health care providers to be fully licensed in MO		COVID-19



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		(with thorough exam and		to practice telemedicine or		
		questionnaire) with a		telehealth		
		provider prior to using				
		telehealth				
New	Governor			Any out-of-state personnel,		COVID-19
Hampshire	Declaration of			including medical personnel,		
	<u>State</u>			entering New Hampshire to assist		
	Emergency			in preparing for, responding to,		
				mitigating the effects of, and		
				recovering from COVID-19 shall be		
				permitted to provide services in		
				the same manner as prescribed in		
				RSA 21-P:41 and any other		
				applicable statutory authority with		
				respect to licensing for the		
				duration of this emergency		
New Jersey	AG Guidance		Requires carriers to	New Jersey will waive a host of		COVID-19
			review their	regulatory requirements for		
	Temp License		telemedicine	healthcare professionals licensed in		
	Application		networks to ensure	other jurisdictions to become		
			adequacy, allow out-	licensed in New Jersey and offer		
	DOI Bulletin		of-network telehealth	services to New Jersey residents,		
			providers if there is	including telemedicine and		
			no in-network	telehealth services. The waivers		
			available, cover	will apply during the public health		
			without cost-sharing,	emergency related to COVID-19.		
			update telemedicine	Under accelerated temporary-		
			policies to include	licensure-by-reciprocity process,		
			phone-only services;	criminal history background		
			ensure payment	checks, licensing fees, and		
			parity for telehealth	submission of proof of a sufficient		
			providers, prohibits	amount of medical malpractice		



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			prior authorization	insurance (where applicable) are		
			for telehealth	waived. Prohibits same-state		
			services, and provide	licensure for telehealth		
			for COVID-19 and the			
			delivery of services			
			through telemedicine			
New Mexico	Governor		Telemedicine must be	The Department of Health and		COVID-19
	Executive Order		reimbursed at the	Department of Homeland Security		
			same level with the	and Emergency Management shall		
	Office of		same visit limitations	credential out-of-state		
	Superintendent		and include	professionals who can render aid		
	of Insurance		behavioral health	and necessary services during the		
	Bulletin		services. Requires no	pendency of this order		
			cost sharing or prior			
			authorization on			
			related services.			
New York	Governor		Require insurance	Governor temporarily suspends	No co-pay for	COVID-19
	Directive		companies to waive	regulations through April 17 to	Medicaid	
			co-pays for telehealth	allow physicians , registered nurse	covered	
	Executive Order		visits for Medicaid	practitioner, and physician	beneficiaries	
	Continuing		beneficiaries	assistants licensed and in current	for COVID-19	
	Temporary			good standing in any state in the	testing	
	Suspension and			United States to practice medicine	Department	
	Modification of			in New York	of Health	
	Laws				Medicaid	
	Department of			Governor expands scope of	program	
	Health Medicaid			practice for APRNs, Pas, NPs,	issued an	
	Program Special			emergency medical services	exemption for	
	Addition			personnel, certified labs, and	all telehealth	
	<u>Newsletter</u>			certified pharmacy techs	services from	
					Medicaid	
					copayments	



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	Executive Order				regardless of	
	<u>No 202-10</u>				whether	
					services are	
					related to	
					COVID-19	
North Carolina	Governor		Asks Department of	Temporarily waives North Carolina		COVID-19
	Declaration of		Insurance to work	licensure requirements for health		
	Emergency		with insurers to	care and behavioral health care		
			identify burdens for	personnel who are licensed in		
			testing and access to	another state, territory or the		
			drugs and telehealth	District of Columbia to provide		
			services	health care services within the		
				Emergency Area		
North Dakota	Governor		Requires virtual	References North Dakota Century		COVID-19
	Executive Order		check-ins and e-visit	Code that if a person holds a		
			for established	license, certificate, or other permit		
	Executive Order		patients per CMS	issued by any state or political		
			guidance. Prohibits	subdivision evidencing the meeting		
			telehealth to be	of qualifications for professional,		
			subject to cost	mechanical, or other skills, the		
			sharing and prohibits	person may render aid involving		
			restrictions on	that skill in this state to meet and		
			technologies for	emergency or disaster, and this		
			telehealth delivery	state shall give due recognition to		
				the license.		
Ohio	Governor	A physician may	Expands telehealth	Physicians not licensed in Ohio may	Ensure that	Mental Health
	Emergency	prescribe a non-	options for Medicaid,	not practice medicine in Ohio	every person	coverage in
	Orders	controlled substance to a	including redefining	without first obtaining a	in Ohio has	COVID-19
		new patient on whom	patient site,	telemedicine certificate, which	access to	emergency
	Ohio Medical	the physician has never	practitioner site, the	permits the holder to engage in the	behavioral	
	Board	conducted a physical	definition of	practice of medicine in Ohio	health care	
		examination and who is	telehealth to include		via telehealth	



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	<u>Telemedicine</u>	at a location remote	asynchronous		services by	
	<u>Guidance</u>	from the physician if the	telehealth		landline or	
		physician can verify the			cell phone	
	<u>Ohio</u>	patient's identity and			(EO)	
	Department of	location, interacts with				
	Medicaid	the patient to complete a				
	Emergency	medical evaluation.				
	Actions					
Oklahoma	Governor's	Waives part of Oklahoma				COVID-19
	Amended	state law requiring an				
	Executive Order	existing doctor-patient				
		relationship before				
		telemedicine				
		consultations can be				
		conducted				
Oregon	Oregon Medical			During a state of emergency, the		COVID-19
	Board			Oregon Medical Board (OMB)		
				allows physicians and physician		
				assistants licensed in another state		
				to provide medical care in Oregon		
				under special provisions. Out-of-		
				state health care professionals who		
				wish to provide care in Oregon		
				during this time must complete an		
				authorization application		
Pennsylvania	Issuance of			Governor Wolf suspended	Health care	COVID-19
	Temporary			temporary license requirements for	professionals	
	Licenses			practitioners in other states to	licensed	
	Request for			provide services to Pennsylvanians	under any of	
	Suspension			for the duration of the coronavirus	the	
				emergency. Applies to physicians,	Department	
					of State's	



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	Expansion of Telemedicine Services Providers Press Release			osteopaths, nurses, and nurse- midwives. Also suspended several administrative requirements like continuing education requirements which would create delays in issuing temporary licenses.	Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs (BPOA) licensing boards can provide services to patients via telemedicine	
Rhode Island	Emergency Declaration Tweet: re RIDOH statement	Patient location requirement for telemedicine is suspended, patients may receive telemedicine services at any location.	Suspends general laws to the extent that it allows agreements between health care providers and insurance carriers that limit either the scope of covered telemedicine services or the reimbursement of those services. All such clinically appropriate, medically necessary telemedicine services delivered by in- network providers shall be reimbursed at rates not lower than services delivered through	Reported on a news station— The Rhode Island Director of Public Health said that if someone has a medical license in good standing in another state, they can practice in RI after filling out a form. Doctors, RN's, pharmacists, etc. No cost for this new 90-day licensure.	Prohibition against audio- only telephone conversation and limitations on video conferencing are suspended to expand the availability of telemedicine.	COVID-19



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			traditional (in-person)			
			methods. No			
			insurance carrier shall			
			impose any specific			
			requirements on the			
			technologies used to			
			deliver telemedicine			
			services.			
South Carolina	South Carolina Medical Board			South Carolina will issue emergency nursing and medical license to combat the COVID-19 pandemic. The state medical board		COVID-19
				can expedite temporary licensure		
				for out-of-state physicians,		
				physician assistants and respiratory		
				care practitioners within 24 hours		
Tennessee	Governor		Urges health carriers	The provisions of Tennessee Code		COVID-19
	Executive Order		to provide coverage	Annotated, Section 68-11-201(20)		
			for medical necessary	are suspended to the extent		
	<u>Governor</u>		covered services via	necessary to allow health care		
	Executive Order		telemedicine. Urges	professionals who would otherwise		
			carriers not to impose	be subject to licensing		
			prior authorization	requirements to provide localized		
			requirements on	treatment of patients in temporary		
			medically necessary	residences.		
			COVID-19 treatment			
			by in-network			
			providers via			
T	Courses	TMD to see 1	telemedicine			
Texas	Governor	TMB temporarily	Pay provider working	Fast-tracks temporary licensing of		COVID-19
	Directive	suspended Texas	in telemedicine the	out-of-state medical professionals		
		Occupation Code	same as if they were	(physicians, physician assistants,		



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	Texas Medical	111.005 (a)-(b) and Title	in-person for 120	nurses and retired medical		
	<u>Board</u>	22, Chapter 174.6 (a)(2)-	days	personnel) to provide in-person		
		(3) of the Texas		and telemedicine services		
	<u>Texas</u>	Administrative Code.				
	Department of	Telemedicine, including				
	Insurance	the use of telephone				
	Emergency	only, may be used to				
	<u>Rules</u>	establish a physician-				
		patient relationship. This				
		expanded use of				
		telemedicine may be				
		used for diagnosis,				
		treatment, ordering of				
		tests, and prescribing for				
		all conditions. The				
		standard of care must be				
		met in all instances				
Virginia	Board of			A license issued to a health care		COVID-19
	Medicine			practitioner by another state, and		
	<u>Guidance</u>			in good standing with such state,		
				shall be deemed to be an active		
	Temporary			license issued by the		
	Waiver for			Commonwealth to provide health		
	Inactive			care or professional services as a		
	Licensees			health care practitioner of the		
				same type for which such license is		
				issued in another state, provided		
				such health care practitioner is		
				engaged by a hospital, licensed		
				nursing facility, or dialysis facility in		
				the Commonwealth for the		
				purpose of assisting that facility.		



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				Hospitals, licensed nursing		
				facilities, and dialysis facilities must		
				submit to the applicable licensing		
				authority each out-of-state health		
				care practitioner's name, license		
				type, state of license, and license		
				identification number within a		
				reasonable time of the practitioner		
				arriving in the Commonwealth.		
				The Board of Medicine will waive		
				regulations related to fees, and		
				continuing education for the		
				reinstatement or reactivation of		
				licensure for those who have had		
				an active license within the past		
				four years.		
Washington	Washington			All volunteers are registered in the		COVID-19
-	Medical			volunteer health practitioner		
	Commission			system and verified to be in good		
	Announcement			standing in all states where they		
				are licensed may practice in		
				Washington without obtaining a		
				Washington license once activated		
				and assigned by the Department of		
				Health		
Washington	Administrative			This Administrative Order is to set	Telehealth	COVID-19
D.C.	Order to Waive			forth requirements under which	services	
	Licensure			licensure, registration, or	provided	
	Requirements			certifications requirements,	within the	
	for Healthcare			permits and/or fees shall be	home as the	
	Providers			waived for healthcare practitioners	originating	
				appointed as temporary agents of	site is	



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	Medicaid			the District of Columbia, in order to	reimbursable	
	Director			respond to the COVID-19 public	under	
	Transmittal			health emergency	Medicaid	
Wisconsin	Department of		Allows Medicaid			COVID-19
	Health Services		coverage for			
	Announcement		telehealth services for			
			all originating sites			
Wyoming	Board of			Physicians and physician assistants		COVID-19
	Medicine			not licensed in Wyoming may		
	Guidance			qualify to work here during the		
				declared public health emergency		
	Emergency			through the "consultation		
	Licensure			exemption." If approved to do so,		
	Application			the physician or physician assistant		
				is considered to be "consulting"		
				with the State Health Officer. The		
				exemption from licensure, if		
				approved, will be valid until the		
				earlier of the end of the Public		
				Health Emergency or the		
				termination by the State Health		
				Officer of the "consultation."		
				Current, full and unrestricted		
				licensure in at least one U.S.		
				jurisdiction or county is required.		
				The exemption is not automatic,		
				requires approval of the Board of		
				Medicine and the State Health		
				Officer, and does not apply to all		
				physicians and physician assistants.		