



Emergency Management Assistance Compact

Can EMAC Be Used For Telehealth?

OVERVIEW

Telehealth may be a viable option for states to enhance social distancing and reduce patient exposure to SARS-CoV-2, the virus responsible for COVID-19 disease. Telehealth may be used for non-COVID-19 healthcare, COVID-19 screening, treatment of mild COVID-19 cases thereby reducing the patient load at hospitals nationwide.

SOLUTION

EMAC, the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (PL 104-321) solves the issue of license, permit and certificate reciprocity between states by leveraging existing EMAC state law.

Through the use of a Governor executive order, states can enable private sector telehealth in their state to ease the burden on health care workers.

EMAC has been ratified by the US Congress and is law in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands

IMPLEMENTATION

States may use the template executive order and state emergency management agencies should complete an RSA between the 2 states of a no cost mission for telehealth support of licensed healthcare professionals between states.

