



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.	<p>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)</p> <p>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.</p>		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 Executive Order		Requires coverage for telemedicine for all services provided through telehealth if	Allows Arizona Department of Health Services to waive licensing requirements to provide healthcare officials with assistance		COVID-19



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			the health services were provided in-person; requires payment parity for in-person and telemedicine; expands scope of telemedicine providers; and requires phone and/or video calls	in delivering services during times of heightened demand		
Arkansas	Emergency Temporary Application			Emergency temporary licenses to <i>Arkansas medical residents</i> who have completed at least one year of postgraduate training and have the written recommendation of their program director		COVID-19
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	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



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			<p>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.</p>			
<p>Colorado</p>	<p>Department of Regulatory Agencies, Division of Insurance Policy Directive</p> <p>DPO Emergency Licensure</p> <p>Dept. Reg Press Release</p>		<p>Directing carriers to provide telehealth services to cover COVID-19 related in-network telehealth services at no cost share, including co-pays, deductibles, coinsurance. Emergency regulation formalizing this directive coming soon.</p>	<p>Out of state doctors provide free services during medical emergency: existing law allows a physician who is not currently licensed in Colorado to provide medical care in connection with an emergency so long as such services are gratuitous. The Medical Practice Act also allows for a physician licensed and lawfully practicing medicine in 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 period, and reactivations for the emergency period of the volunteer</p>		<p>COVID-19</p>



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				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 Executive Order		Carriers to waive cost-sharing on telehealth visits and list each carrier's telehealth service link Executive Order expands access to telemedicine services to include pone, waives telehealth services for a provider-licensed facility	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 scope of the profession for which a provider is licensed. Executive Order suspends licensure/certification requirements for applicable telehealth providers		COVID-19
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-	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



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			sharing reimbursement level			
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
Georgia	Georgia Composite Medicine Board			The Georgia Composite Medical Board is authorized to grant 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		COVID-19
Hawaii	Updated Executive Order			Allow out-of-state physicians, osteopathic physicians, and physician assistants... to practice in Hawaii without a license; provided that they have never had their		COVID-19



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				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 Nursing Comments			Provide temporary licenses to nurses from non-compact states and waive fees, temporary licenses to previously licensed retired/non-practicing Idaho nurses for both in-person or telehealth services		COVID-19
Indiana	Emergency Declaration			Suspension of the requirement that 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 barred from practice in that State or any State.		COVID-19
Iowa	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	Temporarily suspended preconditions, limitations, or restrictions on telemedicine to enhance telehealth delivery including lifting	COVID-19



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				program determines that the student has completed sufficient field experience to determine that the student should be recommended for licensure.	restrictions on residential and outpatient substance use disorder treatment and for face-to-face visitations	
Kansas	Executive Order Updated KSBHA Guidance Emergency Temporary License Application			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 board. Temporary licenses will cancel in 90 days if not renewed. All license fees will be waived.	Temporarily expands telemedicine	COVID-19
Kentucky	Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure Instructions for Registration of Health Practitioners in Response to Emergency			Medical and Osteopathic physicians not already licensed to practice in the Commonwealth of Kentucky may register to practice within Kentucky during the state of emergency.		COVID-19
Louisiana	Alluded in Governor		Medicaid can temporarily cover	The Louisiana Health Emergency Powers Act is referenced, to	Waives limitations on	COVID-19



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	Declaration of Emergency DOH LAC DOI Emergency Rule		<p>services through audio without video.</p> <p>Requires insurers to provide mental health with parity via telemedicine. Waives telemedicine coverage limitations on providers via telemedicine. Requires an evaluation in differences in cost-sharing responsibilities for insureds seeking in and out of network care.</p>	<p>provide for the temporary appointment, licensing or credentialing of health care providers who are willing to assist in responding to the public health emergency</p>	<p>use of audio-only for telemedicine services.</p>	
Maine	Supplemental Order for Telemedicine Executive Order		<p>Prohibits carriers from refusing to pay 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</p>	<p>Allow expedited licensure at no cost of qualified physicians and physician assistants licensed in other jurisdictions to provide assistance for the duration of the emergency.</p>		COVID-19



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			in-network rates for telehealth			
Nebraska	DOI Telehealth Notice		Providers are not 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.			COVID-19
Maryland	Governor Executive Order			Health care practitioners that hold licenses, certifications, or other permits issued by other states and that demonstrate the meeting of qualifications for professional, mechanical, or other skills, be deemed licensed, certified, or permitted in Maryland to render aid during the state of emergency	A health care practitioner may engage in activities that are not authorized by their license at a health care facility in Maryland if doing so is necessary to allow the health care facility to meet required staffing ratios or otherwise	COVID-19



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					ensure the continued and safe delivery of health care services	
Massachusetts	Order to Expand Access to Telehealth Services Board of Registration in Nursing Governor Executive Order to Support Expedited Licensing of Health Care	Carriers shall not impose prior authorization requirements on medically necessary treatment deliver via telehealth related to COVID-19 at in-network providers	All Commercial Health Insurers, BCBSMA, and carriers are required to allow in-network providers to deliver clinically appropriate, medically-necessary covered services via telehealth, without cost-sharing	Expedite processing of reciprocal license applications for nurses licensed in another jurisdiction to be processed in one business day. Licenses of physicians who have retired within the last year, allows providers in good standing licensed in other states to obtain emergency licenses to practice in person or through telemedicine	Carriers cannot impose specific requirements on the technologies used to deliver telehealth services, including any limitations of audio-only or live video technologies Expands telehealth by facilitating telehealth services across state lines	COVID-19
Mississippi	Mississippi State Board of Medical	Until action is taken by the Governor to lift the declared emergency., the		Out-of-state physicians may utilize telemedicine when treating patients in Mississippi without the		COVID-19



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	Licensure Proclamation	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		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.		
Missouri	Executive Order	No longer require patients have an established relationship (with thorough exam and questionnaire) with a provider prior to using telehealth		Waive the need for health care providers to be fully licensed in MO to practice telemedicine or telehealth		COVID-19
New Hampshire	Governor Declaration of State Emergency			Any out-of-state personnel, including medical personnel, entering New Hampshire to assist 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		COVID-19



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				respect to licensing for the duration of this emergency		
New Jersey	AG Guidance Temp License Application DOI Bulletin		Requires carriers to review their telemedicine networks to ensure adequacy, allow out-of-network telehealth providers if there is no in-network available, cover without cost-sharing, update telemedicine policies to include phone-only services; ensure payment parity for telehealth providers, prohibits prior authorization for telehealth services, and provide for COVID-19 and the delivery of services through telemedicine	New Jersey will waive a host of regulatory requirements for healthcare professionals licensed in other jurisdictions to become licensed in New Jersey and offer services to New Jersey residents, including telemedicine and telehealth services. The waivers will apply during the public health emergency related to COVID-19. Under accelerated temporary-licensure-by-reciprocity process, criminal history background checks, licensing fees, and submission of proof of a sufficient amount of medical malpractice insurance (where applicable) are waived. Prohibits same-state licensure for telehealth		COVID-19
New Mexico	Governor Executive Order Office of Superintendent of Insurance Bulletin		Telemedicine must be reimbursed at the same level with the same visit limitations and include behavioral health services. Requires no cost sharing or prior	The Department of Health and Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management shall credential out-of-state professionals who can render aid and necessary services during the pendency of this order		COVID-19



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	Governor Press Release		<p>authorization on related services.</p> <p>Governor Press release requires Medicaid MCOs to reimburse for telehealth (audio and video) for doctors, behavioral health providers, and other health professionals; prohibits prior authorization for COVID testing</p>			
New York	Governor Directive Executive Order Continuing Temporary Suspension and Modification of Laws Department of Health Medicaid Program Special Addition Newsletter Executive Order No 202-10		Require insurance companies to waive co-pays for telehealth visits for Medicaid beneficiaries	<p>Governor temporarily suspends regulations through April 17 to allow physicians , registered nurse practitioner, and physician assistants licensed and in current good standing in any state in the United States to practice medicine in New York</p> <p>Governor expands scope of practice for APRNs, Pas, NPs, emergency medical services personnel, certified labs, and certified pharmacy techs</p>	No co-pay for Medicaid covered beneficiaries for COVID-19 testing Department of Health Medicaid program issued an exemption for all telehealth services from Medicaid copayments regardless of	COVID-19



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					whether services are related to COVID-19	
North Carolina	Governor Declaration of Emergency		Asks Department of Insurance to work with insurers to identify burdens for testing and access to drugs and telehealth services	Temporarily waives North Carolina licensure requirements for health care and behavioral health care personnel who are licensed in another state, territory or the District of Columbia to provide health care services within the Emergency Area		COVID-19
North Dakota	Governor Executive Order Executive Order Executive Order		Requires virtual check-ins and e-visit for established patients per CMS guidance. Prohibits telehealth to be subject to cost sharing and prohibits restrictions on technologies for telehealth delivery Executive Order mandates health insurers offering telehealth services to expand services including for office visits; physical, occupational, and	References North Dakota Century Code that if a person holds a license, certificate, or other permit issued by any state or political subdivision evidencing the meeting of qualifications for professional, mechanical, or other skills, the person may render aid involving that skill in this state to meet and emergency or disaster, and this state shall give due recognition to the license.		COVID-19



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			speech therapy, behavioral health and SUD treatment, diabetes, education, and nutrition counseling.			
Ohio	Governor Emergency Orders Ohio Medical Board Telemedicine Guidance Ohio Department of Medicaid Emergency Actions	A physician may prescribe a non-controlled substance to a new patient on whom the physician has never conducted a physical examination and who is at a location remote from the physician if the physician can verify the patient's identity and location, interacts with the patient to complete a medical evaluation.	Expands telehealth options for Medicaid, including redefining patient site, practitioner site, the definition of telehealth to include asynchronous telehealth	Physicians not licensed in Ohio may <u>not</u> practice medicine in Ohio without first obtaining a telemedicine certificate, which permits the holder to engage in the practice of medicine in Ohio	Ensure that every person in Ohio has access to behavioral health care via telehealth services by landline or cell phone (EO)	Mental Health coverage in COVID-19 emergency
Oklahoma	Governor's Amended Executive Order	Waives part of Oklahoma state law requiring an existing doctor-patient relationship before telemedicine consultations can be conducted				COVID-19
Oregon	Oregon Medical Board		Guidance directs health plans to cover telehealth services by in-network providers to replace in-person	During a state of emergency, the Oregon Medical Board (OMB) allows physicians and physician assistants licensed in another state to provide medical care in Oregon		COVID-19



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	DCBS/OHA Joint Guidance on Telehealth		visits where possible (includes all modes of telemedicine); examine reimbursement rates for and network adequacy requirements for telehealth services to ensure adequate networks; advise consumers about telemedicine services available, ensure telehealth for behavioral health services, eliminate barriers like removing provider location services	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 Temporary Licenses Request for Suspension Expansion of Telemedicine Services Providers Press Release			Governor Wolf suspended temporary license requirements for practitioners in other states to provide services to Pennsylvanians for the duration of the coronavirus emergency. Applies to physicians, osteopaths, nurses, and nurse-midwives. Also suspended several administrative requirements like continuing education requirements	Health care professionals licensed under any of the Department of State's Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs (BPOA)	COVID-19



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				which would create delays in issuing temporary licenses.	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 traditional (in-person) methods. No insurance carrier shall impose any specific requirements on the	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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			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 can expedite temporary licensure for out-of-state physicians, physician assistants and respiratory care practitioners within 24 hours		COVID-19
Tennessee	Governor Executive Order Governor Executive Order		Urges health carriers to provide coverage for medical necessary covered services via telemedicine. Urges carriers not to impose prior authorization requirements on medically necessary COVID-19 treatment by in-network providers via telemedicine	The provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-201(20) are suspended to the extent necessary to allow health care professionals who would otherwise be subject to licensing requirements to provide localized treatment of patients in temporary residences.		COVID-19
Texas	Governor Directive Texas Medical Board Texas Department of	TMB temporarily suspended Texas Occupation Code 111.005 (a)-(b) and Title 22, Chapter 174.6 (a)(2)-(3) of the Texas Administrative Code. Telemedicine, including	Pay provider working in telemedicine the same as if they were in-person for 120 days	Fast-tracks temporary licensing of out-of-state medical professionals (physicians, physician assistants, nurses and retired medical personnel) to provide in-person and telemedicine services		COVID-19



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	Insurance Emergency Rules	the use of telephone only, may be used to 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 Medicine Guidance Temporary Waiver for Inactive Licensees			A license issued to a health care practitioner by another state, and in good standing with such state, shall be deemed to be an active license issued by the Commonwealth to provide health care or professional services as a 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. Hospitals, licensed nursing facilities, and dialysis facilities must submit to the applicable licensing authority each out-of-state health care practitioner's name, license		COVID-19



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				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 Medical Commission Announcement			All volunteers are registered in the volunteer health practitioner system and verified to be in good 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		COVID-19
Washington D.C.	Administrative Order to Waive Licensure Requirements for Healthcare Providers Medicaid Director Transmittal			This Administrative Order is to set forth requirements under which licensure, registration, or certifications requirements, permits and/or fees shall be waived for healthcare practitioners appointed as temporary agents of the District of Columbia, in order to respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency	Telehealth services provided within the home as the originating site is reimbursable under Medicaid	COVID-19



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Wisconsin	Department of Health Services Announcement		Allows Medicaid coverage for telehealth services for all originating sites			COVID-19
Wyoming	Board of Medicine Guidance Emergency Licensure Application			Physicians and physician assistants not licensed in Wyoming may qualify to work here during the declared public health emergency through the “consultation exemption.” If approved to do so, 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.		COVID-19