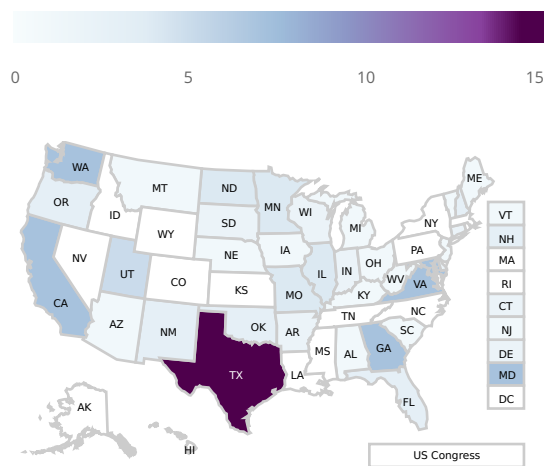


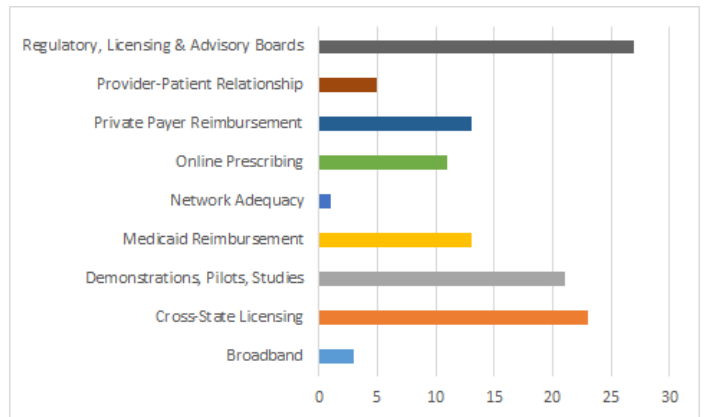
Roundup of 2019 Approved State Telehealth Legislation

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Broadband (3)

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
OR	HB 2173	Chapter 648 2019 Laws Effective Date August 9 2019 2019 08 14	Enacted

Title
Relating to broadband; and declaring an emergency.

Bill Summary: Creates the Oregon Broadband Office within the Oregon Business Development Department to advocate for the adoption of public policies to remove barriers to and support broadband infrastructure deployment and develop broadband investment and deployment strategies for unserved and underserved areas, among other responsibilities. Also requires the Oregon Broadband Advisory Council to champion statewide access to broadband services and encourage, among other things, the use of broadband communications technologies for telehealth and telemedicine.

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
TX	HB 1960	Effective Immediately 2019 05 25	Enacted
Title Relating to the creation of the governor's broadband development council.		Bill Summary: Creates the Governor's Broadband Council to research broadband development, identify barriers to broadband access, and analyze how statewide access to broadband would benefit specific areas including the delivery of health care services through telehealth.	

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
WA	SB 5511	Effective Date 7 28 2019 2019 05 13	Enacted
Title Expanding affordable, resilient broadband service to enable economic development, public safety, health care, and education in Washington's communities.		Bill Summary: Establishes the governor's statewide broadband office to encourage, foster, develop, and improve affordable, quality broadband within the state.	

Cross-State Licensing (23)

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
AL	SB 38	Assigned Act No 2019 102 2019 04 30	Enacted
Title Nursing, Board of, authority to enter, coordinated license information, multistate practice, Enhanced Nurse Licensure Compact, Secs. 34-21-20.01, 34-21-120 to 34-21-130, inclusive, added; Secs. 34-21-1, 34-21-2, 34-21-21, 34-21-22, 34-21-25 am'd.		Bill Summary: Adopts the Enhanced Nurse Licensure Compact.	

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
AR	HB 1421	Notification That Hb 1421 Is Now Act 313 2019 03 05	Enacted
Title To Establish The Interstate Physical Therapy Licensure Compact In Arkansas.		Bill Summary: Enacts the Interstate Physical Therapy Licensure Compact in Arkansas.	

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
DE	HB 172	Signed By Governor 2019 06 27	Enacted
Title AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 24 OF THE DELAWARE CODE CREATING A PSYCHOLOGY INTERJURISDICTIONAL COMPACT.		Bill Summary: Enacts the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact.	

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
DE	SB 83	Signed By Governor 2019 07 30	Enacted

Title
AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 24 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE PHYSICAL THERAPY LICENSURE COMPACT.

Bill Summary: Adopts the Physical Therapy Licensure Compact.

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
FL	HB 843	Chapter No 2019 138 Companion Bill S Passed See Cs Hb 7 Ch 2019 105 2019 06 26	Enacted

Title
Health Care

Bill Summary: Requires the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability to submit by a specified date a report and recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature which addresses Florida's prospective entrance into the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact as a member state.

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
GA	HB 26	Act 36 2019 04 24	Enacted

Title
Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact; enter into an interstate compact

Bill Summary: Enters Georgia in to the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact.

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
GA	HB 39	Effective Date 2019 07 02	Enacted

Title
Physical Therapy Licensure Compact Act; enter into an interstate compact

Bill Summary: Enters Georgia into the Physical Therapy Licensure Compact.

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
GA	SB 16	Effective Date 2019 07 02	Enacted

Title
"Interstate Medical Licensure Compact Act"

Bill Summary: Enters Georgia into the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact.

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
GA	SB 115	Effective Date 2019 07 02	Enacted

Title
"Medical Practice Act of the State of Georgia"; telemedicine licenses for physicians in other states; engage in the practice of medicine with patients in this state through telemedicine; provide

Bill Summary: Provides for telemedicine licenses for physicians licensed in other states to engage in the practice of medicine with patients in Georgia through telemedicine.

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
IA	HF 694	Signed By Governor 2019 05 08	Enacted

Title
A bill for an act establishing an emergency medical services personnel licensure interstate compact. (Formerly HSB 192.) Effective 7-1-19.

Bill Summary: Adopts the emergency medical services personnel licensure interstate compact.

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
IN	HB 1344	Public Law 135 2019 04 29	Enacted

Title
Nurse licensure compact.

Bill Summary: Adopts the Nurse Licensure Compact.

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
KY	SB 22	Signed By Governor Ky Acts Ch 077 2019 03 25	Enacted

Title
AN ACT relating to the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact.

Bill Summary: Adopts the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact.

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
MD	HB 648	Approved By The Governor Chapter 374 2019 04 30	Enacted

Title
Interstate Physical Therapy Licensure Compact

Bill Summary: Adopts the Interstate Physical Therapy Licensure Compact.

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
ND	HB 1337	Filed With Secretary Of State 03 29 2019 04 02	Enacted

Title
Relating To The Emergency Medical Services Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact.

Bill Summary: Adopts the Emergency Medical Services Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact.

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
ND	SB 2173	Filed With Secretary Of State 04 09 2019 04 10	Enacted

Title
Relating To The Interstate Medical Licensure Compact And The Payment Of Fees Under The Compact.

Bill Summary: Adopts North Dakota into the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact.

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
NH	SB 232	Signed By The Governor On 07 10 2019 Chapter 203 Effective 09 08 2019 2019 07 15	Enacted

Title
adopting the model psychology interjurisdictional compact.

Bill Summary: Enacts the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact in New Hampshire.

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
NJ	S 954	Approved P L 2019 C 172 2019 07 19	Enacted

Title
Enters New Jersey in enhanced multistate Nurse Licensure Compact.

Bill Summary: Enters New Jersey into the enhanced Multistate Nurse Licensure Compact.

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
OK	HB 1057	Approved By Governor 04 29 2019 2019 04 29	Enacted

Title
Professions and occupations; Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact; providing for licensed psychologists to practice in member states; effective date.

Bill Summary: Adopts the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact.

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
OK	HB 2351	Approved By Governor 04 18 2019 2019 04 18	Enacted

Title
Professions and occupations; enacting the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact; effective date.

Bill Summary: Adopts the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact.

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
TX	HB 1501	Effective On 9 1 19 2019 06 10	Enacted

Title
Relating to the creation of the Texas Behavioral Health Executive Council and to the continuation and transfer of the regulation of psychologists, marriage and family therapists, professional counselors, and social workers to the Texas Behavioral Health Executive Council; providing civil and administrative penalties; authorizing a fee.

Bill Summary: Enters Texas into the Interjurisdictional Psychology Compact.

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
TX	HB 4455	Effective On 9 1 19 2019 06 14	Enacted

Title
Relating to the provision of mental health services through a telemedicine medical service or telehealth service.

Bill Summary: Permits the delivery of mental health services within the scope of a professional's license via telemedicine or telehealth to a patient who is located outside of Texas.

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
VA	SB 1106	Governor Acts Of Assembly Chapter Text Chap 0300 2019 03 08	Enacted
Title Physical therapists & physical therapist assistants; licensure, Physical Therapy Licensure Compact.		Bill Summary: Enters Virginia into the Physical Therapy Licensure Compact.	

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
WI	SB 74	Published 11 23 2019 2019 11 25	Enacted
Title the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact. (FE)		Bill Summary: Adopts the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact.	

Demonstrations, Grants & Pilot Projects (21)

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
AR	HB 1471	Notification That Hb 1471 Is Now Act 644 2019 04 01	Enacted
Title To Create The Mental Health For Individuals Who Are Deaf Or Hard Of Hearing Bill Of Rights Act.		Bill Summary: Provides for statewide mental health services and requires the Division of Aging, Adult, and Behavioral Health Services of the Department of Human Services to develop and implement strategies for ensuring access to culturally affirmative mental health services and linguistically appropriate mental health services by clients in geographic areas where there is a shortage of certified mental health professionals, which may include telemedicine or other remote technology.	

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
CA	SB 78	Chaptered By Secretary Of State Chapter 38 Statutes Of 2019 2019 06 27	Enacted
Title Health.		Bill Summary: Requires the Public Health Department to allocate funds to local health jurisdictions for sexually transmitted disease prevention and control activities. In awarding funds, the Department shall authorize jurisdictions to include innovative and impactful prevention and control activities, to include technology, telehealth and digital platforms and applications to enhance immediate access to screening, testing and treatment as well as partner activities in order to speed activities to reduce administrative costs.	

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
IL	HB 2152	Public Act 101 0251 2019 08 09	Enacted

Title
Mental Health Action On Campus

Bill Summary: Requires all public colleges and universities to attempt to meet a benchmark ratio of one clinical, non-student staff member to 1,250 students. Linkage agreements with mental health service providers and contracted telehealth therapy services may be used, but must include the capacity of students providers are expected to serve within the agency. Two years after the effective date of the act and every five years thereafter, the benchmark for clinician-to-student ratios must be updated using criteria detailed in the act.

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
MN	SF 12	Governor Approval 2019 05 30	Enacted

Title
Omnibus health and human services appropriation bill

Bill Summary: Permits telemedicine to be used to conduct a chemical use assessment for the treatment of chemical dependency. Also establishes the School-Linked Mental Health Grant and Shelter-Linked Youth Mental Health Grant Programs which permit the use of telehealth in the delivery of grant funded services and activities. Removes the Minnesota Medicaid limit on coverage of three telemedicine services per enrollee per calendar week if the service is provided for the treatment and control of tuberculosis and the services are provided in a manner consistent with recommendations and best practices specified by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
MN	SF 2415	Governor Approval 2019 05 22	Enacted

Title
Omnibus higher education appropriations and policy provisions

Bill Summary: Requires the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Board of Trustees to contract with one or more independent mental health organizations to provide mental health care, including through the use of telemedicine, on campus at up to five state colleges.

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
MO	HB 3	Delivered To Secretary Of State G 2019 06 10	Enacted

Title
Appropriates money for the expenses, grants, refunds, and distributions of the Department of Higher Education.

Bill Summary: Allocates funds to the University of Missouri for the Missouri Telehealth Network.

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
MO	HB 11	Delivered To Secretary Of State G 2019 06 10	Enacted

Title
Appropriates money for the expenses, grants, and distributions of the Department of Social Services.

Bill Summary: Allocates funding to the Department of Social Services for the MO HealthNet Division, which includes funding for telehealth services.

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
MO	HB 14	Delivered To Secretary Of State G 2019 04 17	Enacted

Title
To appropriate money for supplemental purposes for the several departments and offices of state government.

Bill Summary: Allocates funding to the Department of Social Services for the MO HealthNet Division, which includes funding for telemedicine services.

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
OR	SB 1	Effective Date January 1 2020 2019 08 08	Enacted

Title
Relating to youth with specialized needs.

Bill Summary: Permits the Oregon Department of Human Services, Health Authority, and Youth Authority to contract with a provider to establish an interdisciplinary assessment team to provide evaluation of youth. The interdisciplinary assessment team shall increase statewide education, consultation, and telemedicine evaluation, assessment and treatment capacity, with specific emphasis on increasing access to psychiatric and developmental assessments in communities that lack sufficient access to providers.

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
TX	HB 1	Effective On 9 1 19 2019 06 15	Enacted

Title
General Appropriations Bill.

Bill Summary: Appropriations bill that allocates funds for telemedicine in the Texas Child Health Access Through Telehealth Initiative, provides multicategorical teaching hospital support based on criteria including telemedicine encounters, and additional funding for school safety which includes funding for the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center for The Telemedicine Wellness Intervention Triage and Referral (TWITR) Project.

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
TX	HB 8	Effective On 9 1 19 2019 06 04	Enacted

Title
Relating to the criminal statute of limitations for certain sex offenses and the collection, analysis, and preservation of evidence of sexual assault and other sex offenses.

Bill Summary: Establishes the Statewide Telehealth Center for Sexual Assault Forensic Medical Examination which would be permitted to facilitate provisions by a sexual assault nurse examiner via telecommunications for training or technical assistance, forensic medical examination, and consultation services.

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
TX	HB 3285	Effective On 9 1 19 2019 06 14	Enacted

Title
Relating to programs and initiatives to prevent and respond to opioid addiction, misuse, abuse, and overdose and identify and treat co-occurring substance use disorders and mental illness.

Bill Summary: Creates research initiatives and programs to respond to opioid addiction, misuse, abuse, and overdose. Requires the executive commissioner to establish a program to increase opportunities and expand access to telehealth treatment for substance use disorders.

State TX	Bill Number HB 4533	Last Action Effective On 9 1 19 2019 06 14	Status Enacted
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Title
Relating to the administration and operation of Medicaid, including Medicaid managed care and the delivery of Medicaid acute care services and long-term services and supports to certain persons.

Bill Summary: Amends the pilot program for testing person-centered managed care strategies and improvements based on capitation. Includes that the pilot program must be designed to, among other things, promote the use of innovative technologies and benefits, including telemedicine, telemonitoring, and the testing of remote patient monitoring.

State TX	Bill Number SB 11	Last Action Effective Immediately 2019 06 06	Status Enacted
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Title
Relating to policies, procedures, and measures for school safety and mental health promotion in public schools and the creation of the Texas Child Mental Health Care Consortium.

Bill Summary: Establishes the Child Psychiatry Access Network and Telemedicine and Telehealth Programs. The network would provide consultation services and training opportunities for pediatricians and primary care providers and establish or expand telemedicine or telehealth programs for identifying and assessing behavioral health needs of at-risk children and adolescents.

State TX	Bill Number SB 71	Last Action Effective On 9 1 19 2019 06 04	Status Enacted
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Title
Relating to the establishment of a statewide telehealth center for sexual assault forensic medical examination.

Bill Summary: Establishes the statewide telehealth center for sexual assault forensic medical examination to expand access to sexual assault nurse examiners for underserved populations.

State UT	Bill Number HB 5	Last Action Governor Signed 2019 02 19	Status Enacted
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Title
Retirement and Independent Entities Base Budget

Bill Summary: Appropriates funds to the Utah Education and Telehealth Network.

State UT	Bill Number HB 8	Last Action Governor Signed 2019 03 27	Status Enacted
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Title
State Agency and Higher Education Compensation Appropriations

Bill Summary: Appropriates funds to the Utah Education and Telehealth Network.

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
UT	HB 393	Governor Signed 2019 03 28	Enacted
Title Suicide Prevention Amendments		Bill Summary: Establishes the Psychiatric Consultation Program. Defines a "telehealth psychiatric consultation." Sets awards to be granted to health care facilities to implement a program that provides primary care provider access to a telehealth psychiatric consultation when evaluating a patient for or providing a patient mental health treatment.	
UT	SB 7	Governor Signed 2019 02 19	Enacted
Title Social Services Base Budget		Bill Summary: Appropriates \$242,400 to a telehealth pilot program.	
VA	HB 1700	Governor Acts Of Assembly Chapter Text Chap 0854 2019 05 02	Enacted
Title Budget Bill.		Bill Summary: Appropriates two years of funding to establish the Appalachian Telemental Health Initiative.	
WA	HB 1593	Effective Date 7 28 2019 2019 05 09	Enacted
Title Establishing a behavioral health innovation and integration campus within the University of Washington school of medicine.		Bill Summary: Establishes a behavioral health innovation and integration campus within the University of Washington school of medicine that, among other things, will include planning to expand the telepsychiatry consultation program and initiating telehealth consultation to community-based hospitals, clinics, housing programs, nursing homes, and other facilities.	

Medicaid Reimbursement (13)

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
CA	AB 1494	Chapered By Secretary Of State Chapter 829 Statutes Of 2019 2019 10 12	Enacted

Title
Medi-Cal: telehealth: state of emergency.

Bill Summary: Provides that neither face-to-face contact, nor a patient's physical presence on the premises of an enrolled community clinic, is required for services provided by the clinic to a Medi-Cal beneficiary during or immediately following a state of emergency, as specified. Requires that telehealth services, telephonic services, and other specified services be reimbursable when provided by one of those entities during or immediately following a state of emergency. The bill also requires the Department to issue guidance for these entities to facilitate reimbursement.

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
CT	SB 1052	Signed By The Governor 2019 06 28	Enacted

Title
AN ACT EXPANDING MEDICAID COVERAGE OF TELEHEALTH SERVICES.

Bill Summary: Allows the Medicaid Commissioner to provide coverage for telehealth services notwithstanding any provision of the regulations of Connecticut state agencies that would otherwise prohibit coverage of telehealth services. The Commissioner may implement policies and procedures by adopting policies and regulations. They must also submit a report by Aug. 1, 2020 on the categories of health care services in which the department is utilizing telehealth services, among other requirements.

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
MD	HB 605	Approved By The Governor Chapter 479 2019 05 13	Enacted

Title
Maryland Medical Assistance Program – Telemedicine – Psychiatric Nurse Practitioners and Psychiatrists

Bill Summary: Includes psychiatric nurse practitioners who are providing Assertive Community Treatment or mobile treatment services in the list of providers who are required to be reimbursed by the Department of Health for providing services through telemedicine. Alters the termination date of law regarding psychiatrists and telemedicine.

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
MD	SB 524	Approved By The Governor Chapter 480 2019 05 13	Enacted

Title
Maryland Medical Assistance Program – Telemedicine – Psychiatric Nurse Practitioners and Psychiatrists

Bill Summary: Requires the Maryland Department of Health to reimburse psychiatric nurse practitioners for assertive community treatment or mobile treatment services delivered through telemedicine under certain conditions. Alters the termination date of a provision of law regarding psychiatrists and telemedicine.

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
MI	SB 139	Postponed For The Day 2019 10 02	Enacted

Title

Appropriations; health and human services; department of health and human services; provide for fiscal year 2019-2020. Creates appropriation act.

Bill Summary: Allocates funds to Children's Special Health Care Services for the continued development and expansion of telemedicine capacity. Additionally, the department of medical services shall continue to expand utilization of telemedicine and telepsychiatry as strategies to increase access to services for Medicaid recipients in medically underserved areas. Also directs the Department of Health and Human services to continue and expand the utilization of telemedicine and telepsychiatry as strategies to increase access to services for Medicaid recipients.

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
MN	HF 148	Governors Action Approval 2019 05 22	Enacted

Title

Community emergency medical technician permitted to be a member of a basic life support ambulance service, and occupational title of emergency medical technicians modified.

Bill Summary: Adds community paramedics to the list of emergency medical personnel who may use telemedicine under the general supervision of a mental health professional.

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
MN	SF 12	Governor Approval 2019 05 30	Enacted

Title

Omnibus health and human services appropriation bill

Bill Summary: Permits telemedicine to be used to conduct a chemical use assessment for the treatment of chemical dependency. Also establishes the School-Linked Mental Health Grant and Shelter-Linked Youth Mental Health Grant Programs which permit the use of telehealth in the delivery of grant funded services and activities. Removes the Minnesota Medicaid limit on coverage of three telemedicine services per enrollee per calendar week if the service is provided for the treatment and control of tuberculosis and the services are provided in a manner consistent with recommendations and best practices specified by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
NH	SB 258	li Remainder Effective 10 11 2019 2019 08 13	Enacted

Title

relative to telemedicine and telehealth services.

Bill Summary: Requires Medicaid coverage of telemedicine and telehealth services provided within the scope of practice of a physician or other health care professional as a method of delivery of medical care. Must be an appropriate application of telehealth services, as determined by the department based on CMS regulations and include persons providing psychotherapeutic services. Some telemedicine services would only be for established patients who have already received in-person care.

State TX	Bill Number HB 1063	Last Action Effective On 9 1 19 2019 06 14	Status Enacted
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Title
Relating to telemedicine medical, telehealth, and home telemonitoring services under Medicaid.

Bill Summary: Requires that home telemonitoring services be made available through the Medicaid program to pediatric persons having been diagnosed with end-stage solid organ disease, received an organ transplant, or requiring mechanical ventilation.

State TX	Bill Number SB 670	Last Action Effective On 9 1 19 2019 06 14	Status Enacted
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Title
Relating to telemedicine and telehealth services.

Bill Summary: Requires reimbursement of telemedicine and telehealth services by Medicaid managed care plans. The telemedicine or telehealth service must support the patient centered medical home. See the full text for ways in which to do this.

State UT	Bill Number HB 392	Last Action Governor Signed 2019 03 25	Status Enacted
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Title
Telemedicine Reimbursement Amendments

Bill Summary: Removes definitions for "mental health therapy" and "mental illness" under section for mental health telehealth services. Specifies that the Medicaid program will reimburse for telemedicine services at the same rate that the program reimburses for other health care services.

State VT	Bill Number H 542	Last Action House Message Governor Approved Bill On June 18 2019 2019 06 18	Status Enacted
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Title
(Act 72) An act relating to making appropriations for the support of government

Bill Summary: Requires the Department of Vermont Health Access, in consultation with the Board of Dental Examiners and the Vermont State Dental Society, to evaluate current Medicaid reimbursement rates to dentists, dental therapists, and other providers of dental services and determine the amount of increases to rates to attract additional providers to participate in the Vermont Medicaid program. Requires the examination of potential for reimbursing dentists, dental therapists, and dental hygienists for teledentistry services.

State WI	Bill Number SB 380	Last Action Published 11 26 2019 2019 11 26	Status Enacted
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Title
coverage of services under Medical Assistance provided through telehealth and other technologies, extending the time limit for emergency rule procedures, and granting rule-making authority. (FE)

Bill Summary: Requires the Department of Health Services to provide Medicaid reimbursement for any benefit that is covered under the program, delivered by a certified Medical Assistance program, and provided through interactive telehealth.

Network Adequacy (1)

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
CA	AB 1642	Chaptered By Secretary Of State Chapter 465 Statutes Of 2019 2019 10 02	Enacted
Title Medi-Cal: managed care plans.		Bill Summary: Medi-Cal managed care plans will be required to provide the Department of Health Care Services with additional information when requesting alternative access standards when meeting network adequacy. Telehealth is specified as one way to offer alternative access.	

Online Prescribing (11)

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
CA	AB 1264	Chaptered By Secretary Of State Chapter 741 Statutes Of 2019 2019 10 11	Enacted
Title Medical Practice Act: dangerous drugs: appropriate prior examination.		Bill Summary: Specifies that an appropriate prior examination does not require a synchronous interaction between the patient and the licensee and can be achieved through the use of telehealth, including but not limited to a self screening tool or a questionnaire, provided that the licensee complies with the appropriate standard of care.	

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
CA	SB 24	Chaptered By Secretary Of State Chapter 740 Statutes Of 2019 2019 10 11	Enacted
Title Public health: public university student health centers: abortion by medication techniques.		Bill Summary: Beginning Jan. 1, 2023, requires each public university student health center to offer abortion by medication techniques onsite and allows the service to be performed by providers on staff at the student health center, through telehealth services or by providers associated with a contracted external agency.	

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
IN	HB 1246	Public Law 246 2019 05 05	Enacted
Title Health matters.		Bill Summary: Requires that the Indiana Board of Pharmacy establish a registration procedure for automated dispensing systems that includes information regarding telepharmacy communication, electronic record keeping, and electronic verification systems among other information.	

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
MN	HF 559	Governors Action Approval 2019 05 17	Enacted

Title
Provider-patient relationship required in order to make ophthalmic prescriptions.

Bill Summary: For the purposes of prescribing ophthalmic goods, permits a provider to establish a provider-patient relationship by an examination through store-and-forward technologies when certain conditions are met.

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
NE	LB 29	Approved By Governor On March 21 2019 2019 03 21	Enacted

Title
Provide and eliminate telehealth provisions

Bill Summary: Permits a credential holder under the Uniform Credentialing Act to establish a provider-patient relationship through telehealth. When providing services through telehealth, such a provider may prescribe a drug if authorized to do so under state and federal law.

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
NH	SB 178	Signed By The Governor On 07 10 2019 Chapter 199 Effective 09 08 2019 2019 07 15	Enacted

Title
relative to telemedicine for spectacle and contact lenses.

Bill Summary: This bill clarifies the procedure for health care providers who prescribe spectacle lenses and contact lenses by telemedicine. Specifies how a provider-patient relationship can be established for purposes of prescribing spectacles and contact lenses.

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
NM	SB 406	Signed By Governor Chapter 247 Apr 4 2019 04 04	Enacted

Title
MEDICAL MARIJUANA CHANGES

Bill Summary: Allows a Medical Cannabis Registration card to be issued as a result of being diagnosed with a debilitating medical condition in person or via telemedicine. Provides a new definition of telemedicine which includes asynchronous technology.

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
SC	S 132	Act No 32 2019 05 21	Enacted

Title
PA Act of 2019

Bill Summary: Establishes requirements for physician assistants utilizing telemedicine, including establishing a patient relationship and prescribing.

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
VA	HB 1303	Governor Acts Of Assembly Chapter Text Chap 0373 2018 03 19	Enacted

Title
Prescribing controlled substances; veterinarian-client-patient relationship.

Bill Summary: Defines bona fide veterinarian-client-patient relationship; allows practitioners with veterinarian-client-patient relationship to prescribe controlled substances via telemedicine when a practitioner-provider relationship exists.

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
WA	HB 1094	Effective Date 7 28 2019 2019 04 30	Enacted

Title
Establishing compassionate care renewals for medical marijuana qualifying patients.

Bill Summary: Permits an authorization for medical marijuana to be renewed via a remote physical examination through the use of telemedicine when determined to be appropriate.

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
WV	HB 2947	Chapter 197 Acts Regular Session 2019 2019 04 11	Enacted

Title
Relating generally to telemedicine prescription practice requirements and exceptions

Bill Summary: Permits a physician-patient or podiatrist-patient relationship to be established through telemedicine.

Private Payer Reimbursement (13)

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
AZ	SB 1089	Signed By Governor 2019 04 18	Enacted

Title
Insurance; telemedicine

Bill Summary: Amends Arizona's telemedicine private payer law, eliminating the list of specialties that the law is limited to. It also prohibits an insurer from imposing any limitation or denial of coverage for services provided through telemedicine unless the same limitations or exclusions are placed on the same services not delivered through telemedicine. The definition of telemedicine is also amended to include asynchronous store and forward technology and remote patient monitoring technologies.

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
CA	AB 744	Chaptered By Secretary Of State Chapter 867 Statutes Of 2019 2019 10 13	Enacted

Title
Health care coverage: telehealth.

Bill Summary: Requires a contract issued, amended, or renewed on or after January 1, 2021 to specify that the health care service plan or health insurer reimburse a healthcare provider for the diagnosis, consultation, or treatment through telehealth services on the same basis and to the same extent that the health care service plan or health insurer is responsible for reimbursement for the same service through in-person diagnosis, consultation, or treatment. Prohibits a policy or health plan from imposing an annual or lifetime dollar maximum for telehealth services as well as from imposing a deductible, copayment, or coinsurance or other durational benefit limitation or maximum for benefits or services that are not equally imposed on all terms and services covered under the contract. Final amendments included qualified autism service providers/professionals within scope; specifies that AB 744 does not affect network adequacy; and specifies that payment parity would not apply to Medi-Cal managed care plans.

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
FL	HB 1113	Chapter No 2019 100 2019 06 12	Enacted

Title
Health Insurance

Bill Summary: Defines "shoppable health care service" which is a lower-cost, high-quality nonemergency health care service for which shared savings incentive is available for insureds under a health insurer's shared savings incentive program. Services provided through telehealth are included in this definition.

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
GA	SB 118	Effective Date 2020 01 02	Enacted

Title
Insurance; Georgia Telemedicine Act; modernize; Telemedicine Act the Telehealth Act; rename

Bill Summary: Revises the Georgia Telemedicine Act. Renames the act as the "Telehealth Act." Revises definition of "telemedicine" and provides a new definition of "telehealth." Prohibits insurers from excluding a service from coverage solely because it was provided through telemedicine. Requires reimbursement to be on the same basis and at the same rate as in-person delivered services, and also requires reasonable compensation to the originating or distant site for the transmission cost incurred during the delivery of health care services.

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
GA	SB 133	Effective Date 2019 07 02	Enacted

Title
Insurance; modernization and updates; provide

Bill Summary: Makes adjustments to Georgia's telehealth coverage law, eliminating outdated information.

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
ME	LD 1263 (SP 383)	Signed By The Governor 2019 06 13	Enacted

Title
An Act Regarding Telehealth

Bill Summary: Repeals current statute for the coverage of telemedicine services and enacts new statute which provides telehealth and site definitions. Also provides that a health plan may not deny coverage on the basis that the health care services is provided through telehealth if the service would otherwise be covered in-person. Provides conditions for the coverage of telehealth services, telemonitoring requirements, and exclusions.

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
NM	SB 354	Signed By Governor Chapter 255 Apr 4 2019 04 04	Enacted

Title
HEALTH COVERAGE VIA TELEMEDICINE

Bill Summary: Amends New Mexico's telemedicine private payer law to expand the definition of telemedicine to include store and forward and remote patient monitoring. It also places further restrictions on health plans ability to limit their telemedicine reimbursement policies.

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
OH	HB 166	Effective 7 18 19 Operating Appropriations And Tax Levy Generally Effective July 18 2019 Other Provisions Generally Effective October 17 2019 Some Provisions Subject To Special Effective Dates 2019 07 18	Enacted

Title
Creates FY 2020-2021 operating budget

Bill Summary: Requires a health benefit plan to provide coverage for telemedicine services on the same basis and to the same extent that the plan provides coverage for the provision of in-person health care services, restricts health plans from excluding coverage for a service solely because it was provided as a telemedicine service, and prevents plans from imposing annual or lifetime benefit maximums in relation to telemedicine services other than what is imposed on all benefits offered by the plan.

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
SD	SB 137	Signed By The Governor On March 27 2019 S J 733 2019 03 29	Enacted

Title
Provide for the payment of claims for covered services provided by a health care professional via telehealth.

Bill Summary: Prohibits health insurers from excluding a service solely because the services is provided through telehealth. A health insurance policy, contract, or plan providing for third-party payment may not discriminate between coverage benefits for health care services that are provided in person and the same health care services delivered via telehealth as long as the service is appropriate to be provided via telehealth.

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
TX	HB 3345	Effective On 9 1 19 2019 06 14	Enacted

Title
Relating to health benefit coverage provided by certain health benefit plans for telemedicine medical services and telehealth services.

Bill Summary: Requires a health benefit plan to provide coverage for a covered health care service or procedure as a telemedicine or telehealth service delivered by a preferred or contracted health professional on the same basis and to the same extent that the plan provides coverage for the service or procedure in an in-person setting. The plan may not limit, deny, or reduce coverage for a covered health care service or procedure delivered via telemedicine or telehealth services based on the health professional's choice of platform for delivering the service or procedure. The plan may not charge a separate deductible or impose an annual or lifetime maximum on coverage that applies only to a covered health care service or procedure delivered via telemedicine or telehealth services.

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
VA	HB 1970	Governor Acts Of Assembly Chapter Text Chap 0211 2019 03 05	Enacted

Title
Telemedicine services; payment and coverage of services.

Bill Summary: Authorizes the Board of Medical Assistance Services to prepare and submit a state plan for Medicaid that includes a provision for the payment of services provided through telemedicine, including remote patient monitoring. Requires coverage to include the use of telemedicine and remote patient monitoring to the full extent that those services are available. States that provisions of the chapter shall not prevent or prohibit an out of state practitioner from providing telemedicine services within the scope of their practice to a patient located in Virginia.

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
VA	SB 1221	Governor Acts Of Assembly Chapter Text Chap 0219 2019 03 05	Enacted

Title
Telemedicine services; payment and coverage of services.

Bill Summary: Requires insurers, corporations, or health maintenance organizations to cover remote patient monitoring as part of telemedicine services to the full extent that those services are available.

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
WA	SB 5432	Effective Date 1 1 2020 2019 05 09	Enacted

Title
Concerning fully implementing behavioral health integration for January 1, 2020, by removing behavioral health organizations from law; clarifying the roles and responsibilities among the health care authority, department of social and health services, and department of health, and the roles and responsibilities of behavioral health administrative services organizations and medicaid managed care organizations; and making technical corrections related to the behavioral health system.

Bill Summary: Allows behavioral health administrative services organizations and managed care organizations to subject coverage of a telemedicine or store-and-forward behavioral health services to all terms and conditions of the behavioral health administrative services organization or managed care organization in which the covered person is enrolled.

Provider-Patient Relationship (5)

State MN	Bill Number HF 559	Last Action Governors Action Approval 2019 05 17	Status Enacted
Title Provider-patient relationship required in order to make ophthalmic prescriptions.		Bill Summary: For the purposes of prescribing ophthalmic goods, permits a provider to establish a provider-patient relationship by an examination through store-and-forward technologies when certain conditions are met.	
State ND	Bill Number SB 2094	Last Action Filed With Secretary Of State 04 24 2019 04 25	Status Enacted
Title Relating To The Practice Of Telemedicine And The Regulation Of Fluoroscopy Technologists; To Amend And Reenact Sections 43-17-01, 43-17-02, And 43-17-02.3, Subsection 1 Of Section 43-17.1-02, And Sections 43-17.1-05, 43-17.1-05.1, And 43-17.1-06 Of The North Dakota Century Code, Relating To The Definitions Of The Practice Of Medicine And Telemedicine, The Practice Of Medicine, And The Regulation Of Fluoroscopy Technologists; To Provide A Penalty; And To Provide For Application.		Bill Summary: Establishes standards around the practice of telemedicine, including allowing telemedicine, defined as live video and store-and-forward to establish a valid relationship needed for prescribing.	
State NE	Bill Number LB 29	Last Action Approved By Governor On March 21 2019 2019 03 21	Status Enacted
Title Provide and eliminate telehealth provisions		Bill Summary: Permits a credential holder under the Uniform Credentialing Act to establish a provider-patient relationship through telehealth. When providing services through telehealth, such a provider may prescribe a drug if authorized to do so under state and federal law.	
State SD	Bill Number SB 136	Last Action Signed By The Governor On March 27 2019 S J 733 2019 03 29	Status Enacted
Title Provide for the utilization of telehealth by a health care professional.		Bill Summary: Requires that telehealth may not be utilized in the absence of a provider-patient relationship which can be established by meeting specific requirements.	
State VA	Bill Number HB 1054	Last Action Governor Acts Of Assembly Chapter Text Chap 0790 2018 04 06	Status Enacted
Title Prescription requirements; treatment of sexually transmitted disease.		Bill Summary: Requires a practitioner to establish a practitioner-patient relationship, in-person or via telehealth, prior to prescribing Schedule II through V controlled substances.	

Regulatory, Licensing & Advisory Boards (27)

State CA	Bill Number AB 1519	Last Action Chaptered By Secretary Of State Chapter 865 Statutes Of 2019 2019 10 13	Status Enacted
Title Healing arts.	Bill Summary: This bill would specify that all laws and regulations governing professional responsibility, unprofessional conduct, and standards of practice shall apply to healthcare providers who provide telehealth services. It would also require that entities providing dental services through telehealth make available the name, telephone number, practice address and CA state license number of any dentist who is involved in the provision of services to a patient prior to the rendering of services and when requested by a patient.		
State CT	Bill Number SB 920	Last Action Signed By The Governor 2019 07 09	Status Enacted
Title AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR VARIOUS REVISIONS TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH STATUTES.	Bill Summary: Adds a paramedic to the definition of a "telehealth provider".		
State FL	Bill Number HB 23	Last Action Chapter No 2019 137 2019 06 26	Status Enacted
Title Telehealth	Bill Summary: Establishes standards of practice for telehealth providers, authorizes the use of telehealth for patient evaluations, and provides requirements for out-of-state telehealth providers, among other changes.		
State GA	Bill Number HB 253	Last Action Effective Date 2019 07 02	Status Enacted
Title Georgia Occupational Therapy Practice Act; enact	Bill Summary: Includes telehealth in the practice of occupational therapy and provides a definition.		
State IL	Bill Number HB 2895	Last Action Public Act 101 0390 2019 08 16	Status Enacted
Title Idph-Hemorrhage Training	Bill Summary: Requires the Department of Public Health to consult with the Maternal Mortality Review Committee to make available to all birthing facilities best practices for the timely identification of all pregnant and postpartum women in the emergency department for appropriate and timely consultation with an obstetric provider to provide input on management and follow-up. Birthing facilities may use telemedicine for the consultation.		

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
IL	SB 167	Public Act 101 0162 2019 07 26	Enacted

Title
Dental Service

Bill Summary: Adds a definition for "teledentistry," which includes both synchronous and asynchronous communications.

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
IL	SB 1135	Public Act 101 0084 2019 07 19	Enacted

Title
Prescribing Psychologist

Bill Summary: Amends the Telehealth Act by removing dentists from the list of health care professionals and adding prescribing licensed psychologists.

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
MD	HB 570	Approved By The Governor Chapter 274 2019 04 30	Enacted

Title
Outpatient Mental Health Centers – Medical Directors – Telehealth

Bill Summary: Requires that regulations adopted under provisions of law regulating behavioral health programs subtitle include provisions authorizing a behavioral health program licensed as an outpatient mental health center to satisfy any regulatory requirement that a medical director be on-site through the use of telehealth by the director.

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
MD	HB 1122	Approved By The Governor Chapter 481 2019 05 13	Enacted

Title
Behavioral Health Programs – Outpatient Mental Health Centers – Medical Directors

Bill Summary: Requires regulations adopted under certain provisions of law regulating behavioral health programs to include provisions authorizing psychiatric nurse practitioners to serve as a medical director of an outpatient mental health center, including through telehealth.

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
MD	SB 178	Approved By The Governor Chapter 275 2019 04 30	Enacted

Title
Outpatient Mental Health Centers – Medical Directors – Telehealth

Bill Summary: Requires that regulations adopted under certain provisions of law regulating behavioral health programs include provisions authorizing a behavioral health program licensed as an outpatient mental health center to satisfy any regulatory requirement that a medical director be onsite through the use of telehealth by the director.

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
MD	SB 944	Approved By The Governor Chapter 482 2019 05 13	Enacted

Title
Behavioral Health Programs – Outpatient Mental Health Centers – Medical Directors

Bill Summary: Requires that regulations adopted under the general health subtitle include a provision authorizing a psychiatric nurse practitioner to serve as a medical director of an outpatient mental health center, including through telehealth.

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
MN	SF 12	Governor Approval 2019 05 30	Enacted

Title
Omnibus health and human services appropriation bill

Bill Summary: Permits telemedicine to be used to conduct a chemical use assessment for the treatment of chemical dependency. Also establishes the School-Linked Mental Health Grant and Shelter-Linked Youth Mental Health Grant Programs which permit the use of telehealth in the delivery of grant funded services and activities. Removes the Minnesota Medicaid limit on coverage of three telemedicine services per enrollee per calendar week if the service is provided for the treatment and control of tuberculosis and the services are provided in a manner consistent with recommendations and best practices specified by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
MO	SB 514	Signed By Governor 2019 07 11	Enacted

Title
Modifies provisions relating to health care

Bill Summary: Removes the sunset provision on the utilization of telehealth for advanced practice registered nurses in rural areas of need, among other changes.

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
MT	HB 518	Chapter Number Assigned 2019 04 19	Enacted

Title
Authorize Physical Therapy Assistant Supervision via Telemedicine

Bill Summary: Requires a licensed physical therapist who is providing supervision of a physical therapist assistant to make an onsite visit or visit by means of telemedicine to the client at least once for every six visits made by the assistant or once every two weeks.

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
ND	SB 2094	Filed With Secretary Of State 04 24 2019 04 25	Enacted

Title
Relating To The Practice Of Telemedicine And The Regulation Of Fluoroscopy Technologists; To Amend And Reenact Sections 43-17-01, 43-17-02, And 43-17-02.3, Subsection 1 Of Section 43-17.1-02, And Sections 43-17.1-05, 43-17.1-05.1, And 43-17.1-06 Of The North Dakota Century Code, Relating To The Definitions Of The Practice Of Medicine And Telemedicine, The Practice Of Medicine, And The Regulation Of Fluoroscopy Technologists; To Provide A Penalty; And To Provide For Application.

Bill Summary: Establishes standards around the practice of telemedicine, including allowing telemedicine, defined as live video and store-and-forward to establish a valid relationship needed for prescribing.

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
ND	SB 2125	Filed With Secretary Of State 03 29 2019 04 02	Enacted

Title
Relating To The Regulation Of The Practice Of Physical Therapy; And To Amend And Reenact Sections 43-26.1-01, 43-26.1-02, 43-26.1-03, 43-26.1-04, 43-26.1-05, 43-26.1-08, 43-26.1-11, And 43-26.1-14 Of The North Dakota Century Code, Relating To The Board Of Physical Therapy And Physical Therapy Licensure; And To Provide For Application.

Bill Summary: Provides a definition and practice standards for telehealth in the context of physical therapy practice.

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
NM	HB 539	Signed By Governor Chapter 143 Apr 2 2019 04 02	Enacted

Title
SOCIAL WORK LICENSURE & PROVISION CHANGES

Bill Summary: Adds to the Board of Social Work Examiners' the duty of determining the appropriate application of technology to social work practice, including video teleconferencing for appropriate supervision and client contact.

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
OK	SB 1038	Approved By Governor 05 14 2019 2019 05 14	Enacted

Title
Occupational therapy; modifying certain provisions of the Occupational Therapy Practice Act. Effective date.

Bill Summary: Permits the use of telehealth in the delivery of occupational therapy services. Defines telehealth and telerehabilitation.

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
OR	SB 129	Effective Date June 4 2019 2019 06 10	Enacted

Title
Relating to eye care; and declaring an emergency.

Bill Summary: Permits a licensed optometrist to engage in the practice of telemedicine under specific conditions, including having an established patient-provider relationship with the patient, having performed an in-person eye examination prior to the use of telemedicine, obtaining the patient's records and medical history, the patient is at least 18 years of age, the technology is HIPAA compliant, and the information collected is reviewed by a physician specializing in ocular health care.

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
TX	HB 601	Effective On 9 1 19 2019 06 14	Enacted

Title
Relating to criminal or juvenile procedures and reporting requirements regarding persons who are or may be persons with a mental illness or an intellectual disability.

Bill Summary: Permits that an interview during juvenile procedures to collect information regarding persons who are or may be persons with a mental illness or intellectual disability may be conducted via telemedicine.

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
TX	HB 871	Effective On 9 1 19 2019 05 28	Enacted

Title
Relating to use of telemedicine medical service by certain trauma facilities.

Bill Summary: Establishes requirements for meeting the criteria to be a trauma facility utilizing telemedicine medical services.

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
TX	SB 749	Effective Immediately 2019 06 10	Enacted

Title
Relating to level of care designations for hospitals that provide neonatal and maternal care.

Bill Summary: Provides a definition for telemedicine medical service and requires rules adopted under Section 241.183 must allow the use of telemedicine medical services by a physician providing on-call services to satisfy certain requirements identified by the executive commissioner in the rules for a Level I, II, or III level of care designation, among other requirements.

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
VA	HB 2499	Governor Acts Of Assembly Chapter Text Chap 0202 2019 03 05	Enacted

Title
Corrections, Department of; policies to improve exchange of offender medical information.

Bill Summary: Requires the Virginia Department of Corrections to develop policies to improve the exchange of medical and mental health information and records. This includes improved access to electronic health records and information for the provision of telemedicine and telepsychiatry.

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
WA	HB 1432	Effective Date 7 28 2019 2019 04 23	Enacted

Title
Concerning hospital privileges for advanced registered nurse practitioners and physician assistants.

Bill Summary: Permits an originating site hospital to grant or renew privileges or association of any physician, physician assistant, or advanced registered nurse practitioner providing services via telemedicine or store-and-forward, based on the distant site hospital's decision to grant the provider clinical privileges or association.

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
WA	SB 5386	Effective Date 7 28 2019 2019 04 17	Enacted

Title
Concerning training standards in providing telemedicine services.

Bill Summary: Beginning January 1, 2020, permits health care professionals who provide clinical services through telemedicine to complete a telemedicine training which will be made available through the website of the telemedicine collaborative for use by health care professionals using telemedicine technology.

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
WA	SB 5387	Effective Date 7 28 2019 2019 04 17	Enacted

Title
Concerning physician credentialing in telemedicine services.

Bill Summary: Amends requirements for provider credentialing related to telemedicine services.

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
WV	HB 2947	Chapter 197 Acts Regular Session 2019 2019 04 11	Enacted

Title
Relating generally to telemedicine prescription practice requirements and exceptions

Bill Summary: Permits a physician-patient or podiatrist-patient relationship to be established through telemedicine.