



California Telehealth Policy Coalition

Monthly Meeting Minutes

July 17, 2020



Key Takeaways and Action Items

- **California Telehealth Trailer Bill Update**
 - Conversations still ongoing with legislative health committees and the administration to ensure that many COVID-19 policy changes are made permanent
 - Items include
 - Coverage of telehealth services, including flexibilities for Medi-Cal beneficiaries
 - Telehealth payment parity for Medi-Cal Managed Care
 - Coverage of behavioral telehealth services and ensuring that plans do not restrict services
 - Broadband funding
 - Consumer protections and fraud protections
 - Streamlined reimbursement guidance
 - Coverage of remote patient monitoring
 - No restrictions regarding telehealth platform or vendors
 - Services location flexibility
 - Telehealth care coordinator position
 - Consumer education
 - Data collection
 - A sign-on letter will be circulated to members to join the effort
- **Hooper Lundy Bookman Presentation on Legal Considerations**
 - Licensing for providers
 - Health privacy laws
 - Patient consent requirements
- **Education & Regulation Committee Updates**
 - Fact sheet in production on telehealth and young children

- **Legislation Committee Updates**

- Broadband subgroup in production
- New federal bills published tackling telehealth policy
 - [H.R. 7187](#) (Thompson R-PA): HEALTH Act of 2020: PPS rates for FQHCs/RHCs post-PHE
 - [H.R. 7078](#) (Kelly D-IL): EDOT Act of 2020: CMS report to Congress on changes made in availability of telehealth during PHE
 - [S. 3917](#) (Rounds R-SD): Home Based Telemental Health Care Act of 2020: demonstration projects to deliver mental health in the home
 - [H.R. 7190](#) (Torres-Small D-NM): Increasing Rural Health Access During the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Act of 2020: RPM pilot in rural areas
- State legislative developments (see table)

Bill No.	Coalition Support?	Recent Developments	Brief Description
AB 570 (Aguiar-Curry)	✓	Amended to allocate state broadband funding for low-income communities for telehealth Referred to Senate EU&C (7/2)	Establishes the State Agency Direct Allocation Account in the CASF to fund low-income census blocks to enable telehealth and distance learning
AB 1782 (Chau)		Amended to become contact tracing bill (6/18)	Imposes certain consent, privacy requirements on contact tracing applications used by businesses and public health entities
AB 875 (Wicks)		Amended to establish grant program for children’s programming (7/2) Re-referred to Senate Education (7/2) <i>No longer moving forward this session</i>	Creates the COVID-19 Support Services and Resiliency for Children Program; grants to be made to schools, LEAs, consortia, to pay for costs of programming for children and parents, up to \$500K, including for telehealth
AB 2164 (Rivas)	✓	Passed on Assembly Floor, sent to Senate (6/10) Referred to Senate Health (7/1)	Removes FTF requirement for FQHC/RHC to establish patients

AB 2280 (Chau)		Passed on Assembly Floor, sent to Senate (6/10) Referred to Senate Judiciary (7/1)	Extends CMIA requirements to “personal health record information” captured by FDA-approved products
AB 2360 (Maienschein)		Passed on Assembly Floor, sent to Senate (6/10) Referred to Senate Health (7/1)	Requires DMHC/DOI plans/insurers to cover consults for MCH psychiatry
AB 1998 (Low)		Passed by Assembly (6/11) Referred to Senate BPED (7/1)	Revises professional conduct standard for orthodontists; must perform an examination prior to use of orthodontic appliances
SB 1130 (L. Gonzalez)		Referred to Assembly C&C (6/29)	Requires fiber broadband standards for CASF service metrics
SB 1206 (L. Gonzalez)			Requires local jurisdictions to use microtrenching in approving broadband permits

- **Save the Date: Annual Meeting to be held on November 17, 2020 at the California Endowment**