



California Telehealth Policy Coalition

Monthly Meeting Minutes

June 19, 2020

Key Takeaways and Action Items

- **UCLA Health Presentation**
 - Presentation and policy recommendations highlight technology needs of underserved populations, including non-English speaking communities
 - Find the report here: <https://latino.ucla.edu/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Telehealth-COVID-19-Report.pdf>

- **Member survey report-out**
 - Members highlighted several policies they would like to see extended beyond the COVID national emergency:
 - Medicare eligible providers, including FQHCs/RHCs
 - Medicare originating site flexibilities including the home
 - Medicare expansion of eligible services
 - Medi-Cal telephone E/M coverage
 - Medi-Cal managed care payment parity
 - Commercial payment parity

- **Education & Regulation Committee Updates**
 - Reviewed work plan through the end of the year
 - Discussed fact sheet and FAQ development
 - Spanish translation and suggested edits to consumer FAQ
 - Other materials: billing FAQ, issue brief on recommended policy fixes, fact sheets on telehealth for small children and persons with disabilities
 - Began planning for summer webinars and fall briefing
 - Webinar topics: substance use, mental health, and legislative update
 - Fall briefing: frame panel discussion around what has happened during COVID-19 and what priorities policymakers should consider
 - Discussion of fall meeting sponsorships to come at next meeting

- **Legislation Committee Updates**

- Discussed and assessed state legislation
- Legislative developments – *see next slide*
- Discussion of SB 1206 with bill sponsor
- Discussion of trailer bill priorities for members to bring to budget discussion – *see next slide*
- Development of workgroups focused on developing broadband principles and model law/policy
- *Please let Mei or Robby know if you are interested in joining either workgroup*

Bill No.	Coalition Support?	Recent Developments	Brief Description
AB 2164 (Rivas)	✓	Passed Assembly (6/10)	Removes FTF requirement for FQHC/RHC to establish patients; no longer include E-Consult Services Program
AB 2280 (Chau)	✓	Passed Assembly (6/10)	Extends CMIA requirements to “personal health record information” captured by FDA-approved products
AB 2360 (Maienschein)	✓	Passed Assembly (6/10)	Requires DMHC/DOI plans/insurers to cover consults for MCH psychiatry
AB 2464 (Aguiar-Curry)	✓	Held in Assembly Approps.	Creates a children’s hospital ECHO grant program
AB 1998 (Low)		Passed Assembly (6/10)	Revises professional conduct standard for orthodontists; must perform an examination prior to the use of corrections/use of orthodontic appliances
AB 3242 (Irwin)		Passed Assembly (6/8)	Allows telehealth to be used for 5150 assessments
SB 1130 (Lena Gonzalez)		Passed Senate Approps. (6/18)	Amends the California Advanced Services Fund; modifies the definition of “unserved” area eligible for broadband funding to be based on internet speeds and with high poverty rates

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