

# TELEHEALTH 101: What is Telehealth Policy?



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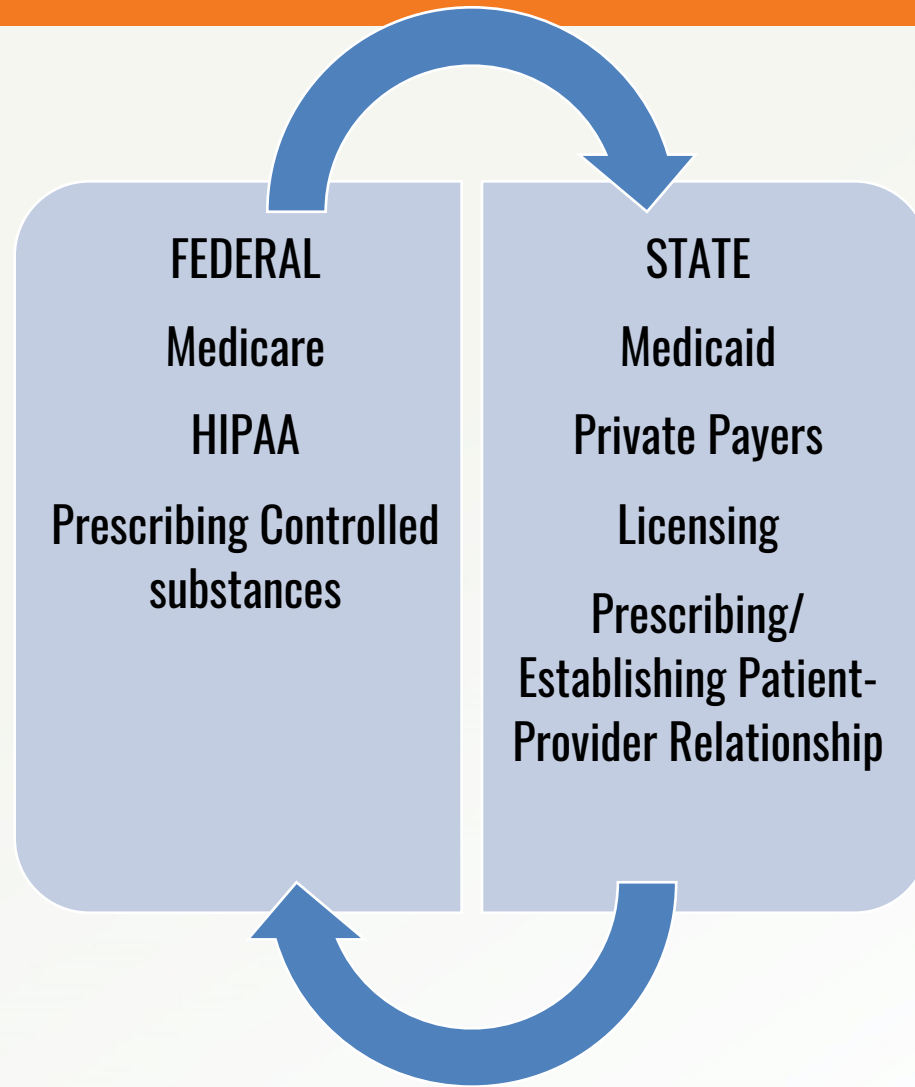
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# POLICY TRACKS

- **Legislation**
  - **Introduction of a Bill**
  - **Passage by Legislative Body**
  - **Signed by Executive (President/Governor)**
  - **Becomes law/statute**
- **Regulations/Administrative Actions**
  - **Implements the law**
  - **Provides more details than what's in law**
  - **Done by the regulatory agency (ex: Medicaid, Licensing Board)**
  - **Licensing Boards - Guidances**
  - **Private Payer Policies**

# EXAMPLE

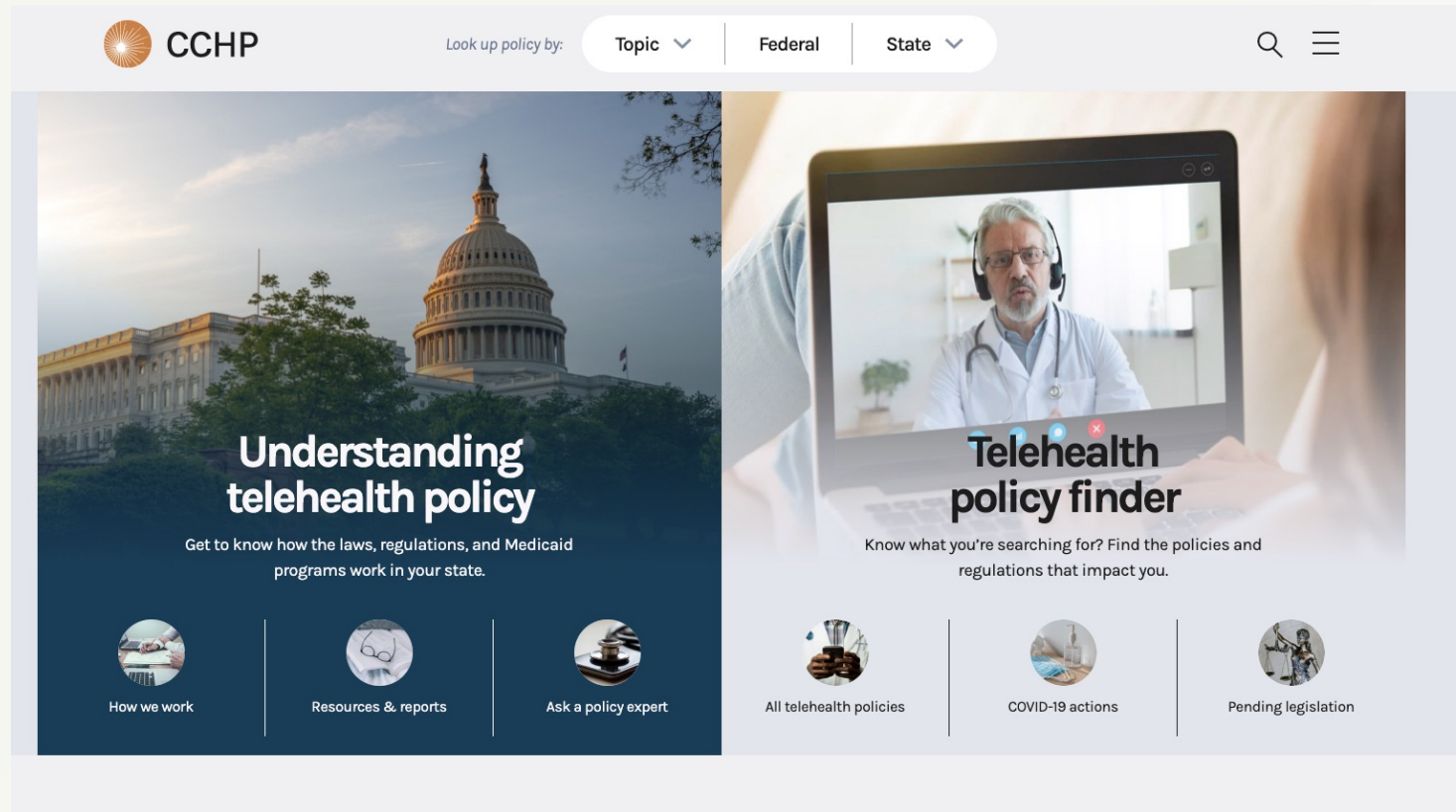
## ➤ Statute

The Secretary shall pay for telehealth services that are ***furnished via a telecommunications system*** by a physician (as defined in section 1861(r)) or a practitioner (described in section 1842(b)(18)(C)) to an eligible telehealth individual enrolled under this part notwithstanding that the individual physician or practitioner providing the telehealth service is not at the same location as the beneficiary. (Social Security Act Section 1834(m)(m)(1))

## ➤ Administrative/Policy

Medicare Part B pays for covered telehealth ***services*** included on the telehealth list when furnished by an ***interactive telecommunications system*** if the following conditions are met...(42 CFR Section 410.78(b))

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