



2021 Legislative Round Up

Alaska

Bill Number: [HB 76](#)

Bill Title: An Act extending the January 15, 2021, governor's declaration of a public health disaster emergency in response to the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19)

Sponsor: HOUSE RULES BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

Introduced Date: 02/18/2021

Last Action: (S) UPDATED AM NO 21 OFFERED AND FAILED Y8 N12 - (08/26/2021)

CCHP Classification: Coronavirus

Notes:

Extends COVID-19 flexibilities including telehealth.

Alabama

Bill Number: [SB 130](#)

Bill Title: Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact, adopted, licensees authorized to practice among compact member states

Sponsor: Linda Foster Coleman-Madison

Introduced Date: 02/02/2021

Last Action: Concurred in Second House Amendment - (05/04/2021)

CCHP Classification: Cross-State Licensing

Notes:

Establishes the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact.

Arkansas

Bill Number: [SB 703](#)

Bill Title: TO AMEND THE TELEMEDICINE ACT; TO AMEND THE DEFINITIONS OF "PROFESSIONAL RELATIONSHIP" AND "TELEMEDICINE" WITHIN THE TELEMEDICINE ACT; AND TO ALLOW TELEHEALTH

Sponsor: Gregory Awen Leding

Introduced Date: 04/21/2021

Last Action: Notification that SB703 is now Act 1112 - (05/03/2021)

CCHP Classification: [Regulatory, Licensing and Advisory Boards](#) [Online Prescribing & Provider-Patient Relationship Establishment](#)

Notes:

Amends the definition of telemedicine and a professional relationship within the Telemedicine Act. It also allows telehealth certification for medical marijuana.

Bill Number: [SB 617](#)

Bill Title: TO REQUIRE WRITTEN CONSENT OF A PATIENT TO TRANSFER A PRESCRIPTION FROM A PHARMACY; TO REQUIRE CERTAIN DISCLOSURES OF OWNERSHIP INTEREST OR POSSIBLE CONFLICTS

Sponsor: Stanley Jason Rapert

Introduced Date: 03/31/2021

Last Action: Notification that SB617 is now Act 1053 - (04/30/2021)

CCHP Classification: [Online Prescribing & Provider-Patient Relationship Establishment](#)

Notes:

For new prescriptions and refills, requires the establishment of a relationship between a pharmacist and patient by phone or telemedicine in certain instances.

Bill Number: [HB 1760](#)

Bill Title: TO ESTABLISH THE PSYCHOLOGICAL INTERJURISDICTIONAL COMPACT IN ARKANSAS.

Sponsor: Lee Johnson

Introduced Date: 03/16/2021

Last Action: Notification that HB1760 is now Act 883 - (04/25/2021)

CCHP Classification: [Cross-State Licensing](#)

Notes:

Establishes the Psychological Interjurisdictional Compact in Arkansas.

Bill Number: [HB 1063](#)

Bill Title: TO AMEND THE TELEMEDICINE ACT; TO AUTHORIZE ADDITIONAL REIMBURSEMENT FOR TELEMEDICINE VIA TELEPHONE; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Sponsor: Pilkington

Introduced Date: 12/31/2020

Last Action: Notification that HB1063 is now Act 829 - (04/21/2021)

CCHP Classification: [Medicaid Reimbursement](#) [Private Payer Reimbursement](#) [Regulatory, Licensing and Advisory Boards](#)

Notes:

Amends the Telemedicine Act, and authorizes additional reimbursement for telemedicine via telephone.

Bill Number: [HB 1068](#)

Bill Title: TO CLARIFY THE TELEMEDICINE ACT; TO SPECIFY THAT THE HOME OF A PATIENT MAY BE AN ORIGINATING SITE FOR TELEMEDICINE AND THAT GROUP MEETINGS MAY BE PERFORMED VIA

Sponsor: Pilkington

Introduced Date: 12/31/2020

Last Action: Notification that HB1068 is now Act 767 - (04/19/2021)

CCHP Classification: [Private Payer Reimbursement](#)

Notes:

To clarify the Telemedicine Act to specify that the home of a patient may be an originating site for telemedicine and that group meetings may be performed via telemedicine and clarify reimbursement of telemedicine services.

Bill Number: [HB 1176](#)

Bill Title: TO ENSURE THAT REIMBURSEMENT IN THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROGRAM FOR CERTAIN BEHAVIORAL AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES PROVIDED VIA TELEMEDICINE CONTINUES AFTER THE

Sponsor: Lee Johnson

Introduced Date: 01/13/2021

Last Action: Notification that HB1176 is now Act 624 - (04/08/2021)

CCHP Classification: Medicaid Reimbursement

Notes:

Ensures that reimbursement in the Medicaid program for certain behavioral and mental health services provided via telemedicine continues after the PHE.

Bill Number: [SB 410](#)

Bill Title: TO AMEND TITLE 23 OF THE ARKANSAS CODE TO ENSURE THE STABILITY OF THE INSURANCE MARKET IN ARKANSAS; AND TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS HEALTH AND OPPORTUNITY FOR ME ACT

Sponsor: Melissa Thomas Irvin

Introduced Date: 03/01/2021

Last Action: Notification that SB410 is now Act 530 - (04/05/2021)

CCHP Classification: Miscellaneous

Notes:

Allows hospitals to use funding to improve their ability to deliver care that may include training of personnel and improvements of equipment to support the delivery of medical services through telemedicine.

Bill Number: [HB 1099](#)

Bill Title: TO AUTHORIZE THE VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD TO PROMULGATE RULES REGARDING TELEHEALTH AND TELEMEDICINE AND TO ISSUE RESTRICTED LICENSES FOR

Sponsor: DeAnn Vaught

Introduced Date: 01/08/2021

Last Action: Notification that HB1099 is now Act 130 - (02/23/2021)

CCHP Classification: Regulatory, Licensing and Advisory Boards

Notes:

Authorizes the Veterinary Medical Examining Board to promulgate rules regarding telehealth and telemedicine and to issue restricted licenses for veterinarians.

Arizona

Bill Number: [HB 2454](#)

Bill Title: telehealth; health care providers; requirements

Sponsor: Regina E. Cobb

Introduced Date: 01/27/2021

Last Action: Signed by Governor - (05/05/2021)

CCHP Classification: Private Payer Reimbursement Cross-State Licensing

Notes:

Updates and expands telehealth laws and definitions to add audio-only and ensure coverage and payment parity regardless of location. Also creates an advisory committee on telehealth best practices and provides a cross-state licensing exception.

California

Bill Number: [AB 14](#)

Bill Title: Communications: California Advanced Services Fund: deaf and disabled telecommunications program: surcharges.

Sponsor: Cecilia M. Aguiar-Curry

Introduced Date: 12/07/2020

Last Action: Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 658, Statutes of 2021. - (10/08/2021)

CCHP Classification: Broadband

Notes:

Existing law requires the commission to develop, implement, and administer the California Advanced Services Fund (CASF) to encourage deployment of high-quality advanced communications services to all Californians that will promote economic growth, job creation, and the substantial social benefits of advanced information and communications technologies. Existing law authorizes the commission to impose a surcharge to collect \$330,000,000 for deposit into the CASF beginning January 1, 2018, and continuing through the 2022 calendar year. Existing law specifies the amount of surcharge revenues to be deposited into each account within the CASF, subject to appropriation by the Legislature. This bill would authorize the commission to impose the surcharge to fund the CASF until December 31, 2032, as specified.

Existing law requires the commission, until April 1, 2023, to annually report specified information to the Legislature, including the remaining unserved areas in the state, the status of the CASF balance, and the projected amount to be collected in each year. This bill would require the commission to report that information in perpetuity.

This bill would authorize the commission to require each internet service provider, as defined, to report specified information regarding each free, low-cost, income-qualified, or affordable internet service plan advertised by the provider.

Existing law establishes the deaf and disabled telecommunications program and requires the commission to establish a rate recovery mechanism through a surcharge not to exceed 12 of 1% uniformly applied to a subscriber's intrastate telephone service, other than one-way radio paging service and universal telephone service, until January 1, 2025, to allow providers of equipment and service pursuant to that program to recover their costs as they are incurred. This bill would revise those requirements to instead require the commission to administer a surcharge to collect revenues of up to \$100,000,000 per year until January 1, 2025, subject to annual appropriation of moneys by the Legislature, to allow providers of equipment and service pursuant to the deaf and disabled telecommunications program to recover their costs as they are incurred.

Bill Number: [SB 4](#)

Bill Title: Communications: California Advanced Services Fund.

Sponsor: Lena A. Gonzalez

Introduced Date: 12/07/2020

Last Action: Approved by the Governor. - (10/08/2021)

CCHP Classification: Broadband

Notes:

This bill would require relevant state and local agencies and national organizations to explore ways to coordinate and facilitate streamlining of local land use approvals and construction permit processes for projects related to broadband infrastructure deployment and connectivity.

It would provide that the goal of the Broadband Infrastructure Grant Account is to approve funding for infrastructure projects that will provide broadband access to no less than 98% of California households by no later than December 31, 2032. The bill would make a number of additional changes to funding mechanisms, collection, and distribution.

Bill Number: [SB 378](#)

Bill Title: Local government: broadband infrastructure development project permit processing: microtrenching permit processing ordinance.

Sponsor: Gonzalez

Introduced Date: 02/10/2021

Last Action: Approved by the Governor. - (10/08/2021)

CCHP Classification: Broadband

Notes:

Allows for different methods of fiber installation and expediting fiber permit applications to promote the deployment of fiber for high-speed internet access across California.

Bill Number: [SB 801](#)

Bill Title: Healing arts: Board of Behavioral Sciences: Board of Psychology: licensees.

Sponsor: Richard Dale Roth

Introduced Date: 02/19/2021

Last Action: Approved by the Governor. - (10/07/2021)

CCHP Classification: Regulatory, Licensing and Advisory Boards Miscellaneous

Notes:

For purposes of telehealth, the bill would define health care provider to additionally include an associate clinical social worker and an associate professional clinical counselor, as specified.

Bill Number: [AB 537](#)

Bill Title: Communications: wireless telecommunications and broadband facilities.

Sponsor: William J. Quirk

Introduced Date: 02/10/2021

Last Action: Approved by the Governor. - (10/05/2021)

CCHP Classification: Broadband

Notes:

This bill requires local entities to more readily approve permits related to broadband projects.

Bill Number: [AB 457](#)

Bill Title: Protection of Patient Choice in Telehealth Provider Act.

Sponsor: Miguel Santiago

Introduced Date: 02/08/2021

Last Action: Approved by the Governor. - (10/01/2021)

CCHP Classification: Private Payer Reimbursement Network Adequacy

Notes:

Existing law requires a contract issued, amended, or renewed on or after January 1, 2021, between a health care service plan or health insurer and a health care provider to require the plan or insurer to reimburse the provider for the diagnosis, consultation, or treatment of an enrollee, subscriber, insured, or policyholder appropriately delivered through telehealth services on the same basis and to the same extent as the same service through in-person diagnosis, consultation, or treatment. This bill would delete that date restriction, thereby extending the telehealth reimbursement parity requirement for all contracts between a health care service plan or a health insurer and a health care provider.

The bill would also enact the Protection of Patient Choice in Telehealth Provider Act, and would require a health care service plan and a health insurer to comply with specified notice and consent requirements if the plan or insurer offers a service via telehealth to an enrollee or an insured through a third-party corporate telehealth provider, as defined. For an enrollee or insured that receives specialty telehealth services for a mental or behavioral health condition, the bill would require that the enrollee or insured be given the option of continuing to receive that service with the contracting individual health professional, a contracting clinic, or a contracting health facility. The bill would exempt specified health care service plan contracts and Medi-Cal managed care plan contracts from those provisions. The bill would require the State Department of Health Care Services to consider the appropriateness of applying those requirements to the Medi-Cal program.

Bill Number: [AB 133](#)

Bill Title: Health.

Sponsor: Philip Y. Ting

Introduced Date: 01/08/2021

Last Action: Approved by the Governor. - (07/27/2021)

CCHP Classification: Medicaid Reimbursement Regulatory, Licensing and Advisory Boards

Notes:

This bill would require the department to seek any federal approvals it deems necessary to extend the approved waiver or flexibility implemented pursuant to those provisions as of July 1, 2021, that are related to the delivery and reimbursement of services via telehealth modalities in the Medi-Cal program, and, subject to approval by the Department of Finance, would require the department to implement those extended waivers or flexibilities for which federal approval is obtained for a specified period of time ending December 31, 2022.

The bill would also require the department to convene an advisory group to provide recommendations to inform the department in establishing and adopting billing and utilization management protocols for telehealth modalities to increase access and equity and reduce disparities in the Medi-Cal program.

Colorado

Bill Number: [HB 21-1109](#)

Bill Title: Broadband Board Changes To Expand Broadband Service

Sponsor: Brianna Caterina Titone

Introduced Date: 02/16/2021

Last Action: Governor Signed - (07/07/2021)

CCHP Classification: Broadband

Notes:

Modifies makeup of the Broadband Deployment Board and requires that the Board develop a request for proposal process for deploying broadband into critically unserved areas in the state, as well as give additional consideration to proposed projects that would include discounted service to low-income households.

Bill Number: [HB 21-1279](#)

Bill Title: Occupational Therapy Interstate Compact

Sponsor: Mary M. Young

Introduced Date: 04/15/2021

Last Action: Governor Signed - (07/06/2021)

CCHP Classification: Cross-State Licensing

Notes:

The bill enacts the "Occupational Therapy Licensure Interstate Compact" (compact), allowing occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants who are licensed in any state that is a member of the compact to provide occupational therapy services in other member states.

Bill Number: [SB 21-060](#)

Bill Title: Expand Broadband Service

Sponsor: Kerry Donovan

Introduced Date: 02/16/2021

Last Action: Governor Signed - (06/27/2021)

CCHP Classification: Broadband

Notes:

Amends the Broadband Office's digital inclusion grant program and parameters for contracting with a nonprofit organization to implement the program. States that if the Office doesn't find a nonprofit to contract with, the moneys allocated for implementing the program shall then go toward awarding additional grants for Telehealth Services, totaling up to fifteen million dollars to one or more providers of Telehealth Services.

Bill Number: [HB 21-1021](#)

Bill Title: Peer Support Professionals Behavioral Health

Sponsor: Rodney Pelton

Introduced Date: 02/16/2021

Last Action: Governor Signed - (06/18/2021)

CCHP Classification: Pilot Programs, Studies, Demonstration Projects

Notes:

Allows peer support professionals to provide services for a recovery support services organizations in various settings and through telehealth.

Bill Number: [SB 21-021](#)

Bill Title: Audiology And Speech-language Interstate Compact

Sponsor: Janet P. Buckner

Introduced Date: 02/16/2021

Last Action: Governor Signed - (05/28/2021)

CCHP Classification: Cross-State Licensing

Notes:

Enacts the "Audiology and Speech-language Pathology Interstate Compact."

Bill Number: [HB 21-1256](#)

Bill Title: Delivering Health-care Services Through Telemedicine

Sponsor: Susan Lontine

Introduced Date: 04/05/2021

Last Action: Governor Signed - (05/27/2021)

CCHP Classification: Medicaid Reimbursement

Notes:

The bill requires the department of health care policy and financing to promulgate rules specifically relating to entities that deliver health-care or mental health-care services exclusively or predominately through telemedicine.

Bill Number: [HB 21-1190](#)

Bill Title: Defining Telemedicine For Medical Practitioners

Sponsor: Janice Rich

Introduced Date: 03/04/2021

Last Action: Governor Signed - (05/18/2021)

CCHP Classification: Regulatory, Licensing and Advisory Boards Miscellaneous

Notes:

This bill amends the definition of telemedicine to remove references to interactive audio, video, or data communications and define telemedicine instead to mean the delivery of medical services through HIPAA-compliant telecommunications systems, including information, electronic, and communications technologies, and store-and-forward transfers, to facilitate the assessment, diagnosis, consultation, or treatment of a patient while the patient is located at an originating site and the licensee is located at a distant site.

Bill Number: [SB 21-178](#)

Bill Title: Extend Care Subfund Deadline For COVID-19 Programs

Sponsor: Dominick Anselmo Moreno

Introduced Date: 03/10/2021

Last Action: Governor Signed - (05/13/2021)

CCHP Classification: Substance Use Disorder

Notes:

Extends the period of time in which higher education funding can be put toward telehealth supplies for the medication-assisted treatment expansion pilot programs.

Bill Number: [SB 21-139](#)

Bill Title: Coverage For Telehealth Dental Services

Sponsor: Rhonda Fields

Introduced Date: 03/01/2021

Last Action: Governor Signed - (05/07/2021)

CCHP Classification:

Notes:

This bill requires dental plans to cover services through telehealth.

Bill Number: [SB 21-210](#)

Bill Title: Remote Supports For Elderly, Blind, And Disabled Waiver

Sponsor: Christopher J. Hansen

Introduced Date: 04/05/2021

Last Action: Governor Signed - (04/30/2021)

CCHP Classification:

Notes:

The bill expands the definition of "electronic monitoring services" to include other remote supports as the definition relates to the home- and community-based services waiver program for the elderly, blind, and disabled.

Bill Number: [SB 21-102](#)

Bill Title: Sunset Dental Hygienists Specialized Functions

Sponsor: Janet P. Buckner

Introduced Date: 02/17/2021

Last Action: Governor Signed - (04/15/2021)

CCHP Classification:

Notes:

Removes "store-and-forward transfer" language to allow use of both synchronous and asynchronous technologies by dental hygienists.

Connecticut

Bill Number: [HB 6442](#)

Bill Title: AN ACT CONCERNING EQUITABLE ACCESS TO BROADBAND.

Sponsor: Request Of The Governor Pursuant To Joint Rule 9

Introduced Date: 02/11/2021

Last Action: SIGNED BY GOVERNOR - (07/12/2021)

CCHP Classification:

Notes:

Requires state agencies to perform an analysis and develop a plan to increase broadband speeds and availability. The analysis shall include how broadband improves access to telehealth.

Bill Number: [HB 6470](#)

Bill Title: AN ACT CONCERNING HOME HEALTH, TELEHEALTH AND UTILIZATION REVIEW.

Sponsor: Human Services Committee

Introduced Date: 02/18/2021

Last Action: SIGNED BY GOVERNOR - (07/07/2021)

CCHP Classification: Medicaid Reimbursement Coronavirus

Notes:

Makes permanent certain home health, telehealth, and utilization review measures implemented during the COVID-19 public health emergency.

Bill Number: [HB 5596](#)

Bill Title: AN ACT CONCERNING TELEHEALTH.

Sponsor: Public Health Committee

Introduced Date: 01/26/2021

Last Action: TRANSMITTED TO SECRETARY OF THE STATE - (05/13/2021)

CCHP Classification: Medicaid Reimbursement Private Payer Reimbursement Online Prescribing & Provider-Patient Relationship Establishment Cross-State

Licensing Notes:

Extends state telehealth emergency orders until June 30, 2023, including payment parity language, audio-only coverage authority, and additional allowances for out-of-state providers.

District of Columbia

Bill Number: [B 24-0399](#)

Bill Title: Preserve Our Healthcare Workforce Emergency Amendment Act of 2021

Sponsor: Gray, Vincent C.

Introduced Date: 09/22/2021

Last Action: Act A24-0189 Published in DC Register Vol 68 and Page 011343, Expires on Dec 21, 2021 - (10/29/2021) **CCHP Classification:** Cross-State Licensing

Notes:

Allows licensing flexibilities for emergency volunteer practitioners and emergency services until August 10, 2022.

Delaware

Bill Number: [HB 21](#)

Bill Title: AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 24 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO AN ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE COMPACT.

Sponsor: Melissa Minor-Brown

Introduced Date: 12/04/2020

Last Action: Signed by Governor - (08/04/2021)

CCHP Classification: Cross-State Licensing

Notes:

This Act adopts the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Compact.

Bill Number: [HB 160](#)

Bill Title: AN ACT TO AMEND TITLES 18 AND 24 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO PRESERVING TELEHEALTH AND ADOPTING THE INTERSTATE MEDICAL LICENSURE COMPACT.

Sponsor: David S. Bentz

Introduced Date: 04/15/2021

Last Action: Signed by Governor - (06/23/2021)

CCHP Classification: [Medicaid Reimbursement](#) [Online Prescribing & Provider-Patient Relationship Establishment](#) [Cross-State Licensing](#) [Coronavirus](#)

Notes:

This bill is known as the Telehealth Access Preservation and Modernization Act of 2021 and it updates and consolidates telehealth laws, adopts the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact, and makes permanent the telehealth flexibilities put in place for the Covid-19 pandemic. The Act carries through many of the changes embodied in the Covid-19 telehealth legislation passed by the 150th General Assembly in 2020 (HS 1 for HB 348 with HA1, signed 7/17/20), which will otherwise expire on July 1, 2021. These changes include removing in-person requirements but specifies that the requirement that a patient present in-person prior to the delivery of telemedicine services and telehealth is excused only under circumstances rendering an in-person examination impractical or when there is already an existing relationship established. It also allows flexibility for situations where patients do not have access to broadband connections or smartphones and need to consult with a physician by landline or audio-only cell phone, subject to existing professional standard of care requirements.

Florida

Bill Number: [SB 2500](#)

Bill Title: Appropriations

Sponsor: Appropriations

Introduced Date: 03/26/2021

Last Action: Line Item Veto Message referred to Rules - (11/12/2021)

CCHP Classification: [Private Payer Reimbursement](#) [Substance Use Disorder](#)

Notes:

Makes appropriations for certain telehealth programs.

Bill Number: [HB 1381](#)

Bill Title: Maternal Health Outcomes

Sponsor: Kamia Latasha Brown

Introduced Date: 02/26/2021

Last Action: Chapter No. 2021-238 - (07/06/2021)

CCHP Classification: [Pilot Programs, Studies, Demonstration Projects](#)

Notes:

Requires department to establish telehealth minority maternity care pilot programs in specified counties by specified date; provides for funding of pilot programs.

Bill Number: [HB 1239](#)

Bill Title: Broadband Internet Infrastructure

Sponsor: Josie Tomkow

Introduced Date: 02/23/2021

Last Action: Chapter No. 2021-24 - (05/11/2021)

CCHP Classification: [Broadband](#)

Notes:

Provides promotional rates for broadband services in order to facilitate access to telehealth among other things.

Georgia

Bill Number: [HB 395](#)

Bill Title: The Professional Counselors Licensure Compact Act; enact

Sponsor: David Calvin Belton

Introduced Date: 02/10/2021

Last Action: Effective Date - (07/01/2021)

CCHP Classification:

Notes:

Enacts the Professional Counselors Licensure Compact Act and permits the use of Telehealth technology to facilitate increased access to Professional Counseling Services.

Bill Number: [HB 268](#)

Bill Title: The Occupational Therapy Licensure Compact Act; enact

Sponsor: William A. Werkheiser

Introduced Date: 02/03/2021

Last Action: Effective Date - (07/01/2021)

CCHP Classification:

Notes:

Enacts the interstate compact known as the "Occupational Therapy Licensure Compact".

Bill Number: [HB 34](#)

Bill Title: Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact Act; enact

Sponsor: Dave Belton

Introduced Date: 11/25/2020

Last Action: Effective Date - (07/01/2021)

CCHP Classification:

Notes:

Enters Georgia into the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact.

Bill Number: [HB 307](#)

Bill Title: Georgia Telehealth Act; revise

Sponsor: Sharon M. Cooper

Introduced Date: 02/04/2021

Last Action: House Date Signed by Governor - (05/04/2021)

CCHP Classification:

Notes:

Authorizes health care providers to provide telemedicine services from home and for patients to receive telemedicine services from their home, workplace, or school.

Iowa

Bill Number: [SF 619](#)

Bill Title: A bill for an act relating to state and local revenue and finance by modifying future tax contingencies, the state inheritance tax, the sales and use tax

Sponsor: COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Introduced Date: 05/11/2021

Last Action: Fiscal note. - (06/28/2021)

CCHP Classification: Private Payer Reimbursement

Notes:

Requires reimbursement of a covered service on the same basis and at the same rate to the same in person services for a mental health condition.

Bill Number: [HF 685](#)

Bill Title: A bill for an act relating to requirements for licensees under the purview of the dental board relating to orthodontia services. (Formerly HSB 223.) Effective

Sponsor: COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES

Introduced Date: 02/24/2021

Last Action: Signed by Governor. - (05/20/2021)

CCHP Classification: Regulatory, Licensing and Advisory Boards

Notes:

Allows a teledentistry examination in order for orthodontia services.

Idaho

Bill Number: [H 394](#)

Bill Title: EFFECTIVE DATES – Amends and adds to existing law to revise effective dates.

Sponsor: WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

Introduced Date: 05/03/2021

Last Action: Delivered to Governor at 10:35 a.m. on May 6, 2021 - (05/05/2021)

CCHP Classification: Coronavirus

Notes:

Extends telehealth COVID waivers to July 1, 2021.

Bill Number: [H 127](#)

Bill Title: BROADBAND – Adds to existing law to establish the Idaho Broadband Fund and the Idaho Broadband Advisory Board.

Sponsor: ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

Introduced Date: 02/11/2021

Last Action: Reported Signed by Governor on March 23, 2021 Session Law Chapter Effective: - (03/19/2021)

CCHP Classification: Broadband

Notes:

Establishes the Idaho Broadband Fund and the Idaho Broadband Advisory Board.

Bill Number: [H 38](#)

Bill Title: TELEHEALTH ACCESS – Amends existing law to provide for the prescribing of certain drugs via telehealth in compliance with federal law.

Sponsor: HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

Introduced Date: 01/25/2021

Last Action: Reported Signed by Governor on March 15, 2021 Session Law Chapter 55 Effective: 07/01/2021 - (03/16/2021)

CCHP Classification: Online Prescribing & Provider-Patient Relationship Establishment

Notes:

Amends existing law to provide for the prescribing of certain drugs by physicians with an established provider-patient relationship via telehealth in compliance with federal law.

Illinois

Bill Number: [HB 1976](#)

Bill Title: OPTOMETRIC PRACTICE-TELEHEALTH

Sponsor: Anna Moeller

Introduced Date: 02/16/2021

Last Action: Governor Approved - (11/30/2021)

CCHP Classification: Regulatory, Licensing and Advisory Boards

Notes:

Provides that an optometrist licensed under the Act may practice optometry through telehealth and establishes standards of practice.

Bill Number: [HB 3025](#)

Bill Title: MEDICAID-TELEHEALTH-EPILEPSY

Sponsor: Keith R. Wheeler

Introduced Date: 02/18/2021

Last Action: Governor Approved - (07/30/2021)

CCHP Classification: Medicaid Reimbursement

Notes:

Provides that the Department of Healthcare and Family Services shall reimburse epilepsy specialists, as defined by the Department by rule, who are authorized by Illinois law to provide epilepsy treatment services to persons with epilepsy or related disorders via telehealth. Provides that the Department shall establish, by rule, a method to reimburse providers for epilepsy treatment services provided by telehealth. Effective immediately.

Bill Number: [SB 567](#)

Bill Title: OPTOMETRIC PRACTICE-TELEHEALTH

Sponsor: Ramachandra Villivalam

Introduced Date: 02/23/2021

Last Action: Governor Approved - (07/23/2021)

CCHP Classification: Regulatory, Licensing and Advisory Boards

Notes:

Provides for requirements for delivering optometry services via telehealth.

Bill Number: [SB 471](#)

Bill Title: NETWORK ADEQUACY/TRANSPARENCY

Sponsor: Laura Fine

Introduced Date: 02/23/2021

Last Action: Governor Approved - (07/23/2021)

CCHP Classification: Private Payer Reimbursement Network Adequacy

Notes:

Includes telemedicine in network adequacy requirements for insurers.

Bill Number: [HB 3308](#)

Bill Title: INS-TELEHEALTH SERVICES

Sponsor: Thaddeus Jones

Introduced Date: 02/19/2021

Last Action: Governor Approved - (07/22/2021)

CCHP Classification: Private Payer Reimbursement Regulatory, Licensing and Advisory Boards

Notes:

Requires that health care services that are covered under an individual or group policy of accident or health insurance must be covered when delivered via telehealth when clinically appropriate in the same manner, and at the same rate, as any other benefit. Also allows services delivered by telehealth by early intervention providers under certain circumstances.

Bill Number: [SB 332](#)

Bill Title: INS-TELEHEALTH PROVIDER INFO

Sponsor: Jacqueline Y. Collins

Introduced Date: 02/19/2021

Last Action: Governor Approved - (07/09/2021)

CCHP Classification: Private Payer Reimbursement Network Adequacy

Notes:

Requires insurers to have a electronic provider directory that contains specific information about the use of telemedicine.

Indiana

Bill Number: [HB 1577](#)

Bill Title: Abortion matters.

Sponsor: Peggy Mayfield

Introduced Date: 01/14/2021

Last Action: Public Law 218 - (04/29/2021)

CCHP Classification: Online Prescribing & Provider-Patient Relationship Establishment

Notes:

Prohibits the use of telemedicine for the provisioning of any medical service, including the: (1) writing or filling of a prescription; or (2) offering of advice, counseling, or therapy; for any purpose that is intended to result in an abortion.

Bill Number: [HB 1468](#)

Bill Title: Various health matters.

Sponsor: Steven Davisson

Introduced Date: 01/14/2021

Last Action: Signed by the Governor - (04/29/2021)

CCHP Classification: [Online Prescribing & Provider-Patient Relationship Establishment](#)

Notes:

Adds pharmacists as a prescriber for purposes of the telemedicine laws. Removes the requirement that a prescription for a patient who is receiving services through telemedicine be based on a previous in person examination or as part of an established treatment plan.

Bill Number: [HB 1002](#)

Bill Title: Civil immunity related to COVID-19.

Sponsor: Jerry Torr

Introduced Date: 01/04/2021

Last Action: Public Law 166 - (04/29/2021)

CCHP Classification: [Coronavirus](#)

Notes:

Provides liability immunity for persons responding to the public health emergency whether services are delivered via telehealth or in person.

Bill Number: [SB 3](#)

Bill Title: Telehealth matters.

Sponsor: Ed Charbonneau

Introduced Date: 01/07/2021

Last Action: Public Law 85 - (04/20/2021)

CCHP Classification: [Medicaid Reimbursement](#) [Private Payer Reimbursement](#) [Online Prescribing & Provider-Patient Relationship Establishment](#)

Notes:

Prohibits the Medicaid program from specifying originating sites and distant sites for purposes of Medicaid reimbursement and voids administrative rules with these requirements. Changes the use of the term "telemedicine" to "telehealth". Specifies certain activities that are considered to be health care services for purposes of the telehealth laws. Expands the application of the telehealth statute to additional licensed practitioners instead of applying only to prescribers. Amends the definition of "telehealth". Requires that the telehealth medical records be created and maintained under the same standards of appropriate practice for medical records for patients in an in-person setting. Specifies that a patient waives confidentiality of medical information concerning individuals in the vicinity when the patient is using telehealth. Prohibits certain insurance policies and individual and group contracts from mandating the use of certain technology applications in the provision of telehealth services.

Kansas

Bill Number: [SB 238](#)

Bill Title: Substitute for SB 238 by Committee on Public Health and Welfare - Requiring emergency medical services operators be overseen by medical directors or physicians;

Introduced Date: 02/12/2021

Last Action: Approved by Governor on Wednesday, May 19, 2021 - (05/26/2021)

CCHP Classification: [Online Prescribing & Provider-Patient Relationship Establishment](#) [Cross-State Licensing](#)

Notes:

Defines telepharmacy and establishes rules around it.

Bill Number: [HB 2208](#)

Bill Title: Senate Substitute for HB 2208 by Committee on Public Health and Welfare - Establishing certification and funding for certified community behavioral health

Sponsor: Committee on Public Health and Welfare

Introduced Date: 02/03/2021

Last Action: Enrolled and presented to Governor on Friday, April 16, 2021 - (05/03/2021)

CCHP Classification: Regulatory, Licensing and Advisory Boards Cross-State Licensing

Notes:

Authorizes the issuance of telemedicine waivers for the practice of telemedicine by out-of-state healthcare providers.

Bill Number: [SB 77](#)

Bill Title: Enacting the audiology and speech-language pathology interstate compact.

Introduced Date: 01/26/2021

Last Action: Approved by Governor on Tuesday, March 30, 2021 - (03/31/2021)

CCHP Classification: Regulatory, Licensing and Advisory Boards Cross-State Licensing

Notes:

Enacting the audiology and speech-language pathology interstate compact.

Bill Number: [SB 283](#)

Bill Title: Continuing the governmental response to the COVID-19 pandemic in Kansas by extending the expanded use of telemedicine, the authority of the board of healing

Introduced Date: 03/01/2021

Last Action: Approved by Governor on Wednesday, March 31, 2021 - (03/31/2021)

CCHP Classification: Coronavirus

Notes:

Extends the expanded use of telemedicine in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

Bill Number: [SB 14](#)

Bill Title: Extending certain provisions of the governmental response to the COVID-19 pandemic in Kansas and providing certain relief related to health, welfare, property

Introduced Date: 01/11/2021

Last Action: Enrolled and presented to Governor on Monday, January 25, 2021 - (01/25/2021)

CCHP Classification: Coronavirus

Notes:

Extends COVID-19 temporary policy, including telemedicine elements until March 31, 2021.

Kentucky

Bill Number: [HJR 1](#)

Bill Title: A JOINT RESOLUTION extending emergency executive actions and declaring an emergency.

Sponsor: David W. Osborne

Introduced Date: 09/07/2021

Last Action: Bill Created - (10/12/2021)

CCHP Classification: Regulatory, Licensing and Advisory Boards Coronavirus

Notes:

Extends certain emergency executive actions until January 15, 2022, including within a Department of Insurance Order dated March 18, 2020 related to telehealth and prior relationship requirements, as well as a Kentucky Applied Behavior Analysis Licensing Board Order dated March 23, 2020 related to telehealth, and various provider licensing orders.

Bill Number: [HB 140](#)

Bill Title: AN ACT relating to telehealth.

Sponsor: D. Frazier

Introduced Date: 12/11/2020

Last Action: signed by Governor - (03/22/2021)

CCHP Classification: Medicaid Reimbursement Regulatory, Licensing and Advisory Boards

Notes:

Requires regulations be created to establish glossary of telehealth terms; establish requirements for the proper use of telehealth; establish requirements to prevent waste and fraud; and maintain the discretion of state agencies authorized to govern the use of telehealth. Requires a report, establishes parameters for regulations, removes audio-only Medicaid exclusion and encourages providers to use audio-only only when no other approved mode of delivering Telehealth Services is available. Ensures payment for rural health clinics and federally qualified health centers, as well as home health agencies.

Bill Number: [SB 55](#)

Bill Title: AN ACT relating to copayments by medical assistance recipients.

Sponsor: Stephen L. Meredith

Introduced Date: 01/05/2021

Last Action: signed by Governor - (03/22/2021)

CCHP Classification: Medicaid Reimbursement

Notes:

Removes a section of law which allows the benefits for a service provided to a Medicaid recipient through telehealth to be made subject to a deductible, copayment, or coinsurance requirement. A deductible, copayment, or coinsurance applicable to a particular service provided through telehealth shall not exceed the deductible, copayment, or coinsurance required by the Medicaid program for the same service provided in person.

Bill Number: [SB 47](#)

Bill Title: AN ACT relating to audiology and speech-language pathology.

Sponsor: R. Girdler

Introduced Date: 12/11/2020

Last Action: signed by Governor - (03/18/2021)

CCHP Classification: Cross-State Licensing

Notes:

Enters Kentucky into the Audiology and Speech Language Pathology Compact.

Louisiana

Bill Number: [HB 270](#)

Bill Title: HEALTH SERVICES: Provides for definitions and exemptions relative to telemedicine and telehealth

Sponsor: Tanner Magee

Introduced Date: 03/29/2021

Last Action: Effective date: 08/01/2021. - (06/14/2021)

CCHP Classification: Regulatory, Licensing and Advisory Boards

Notes:

Provides for definitions and exemptions relative to telemedicine and telehealth.

Bill Number: [SB 29](#)

Bill Title: INSURANCE COMMISSIONER: Authorizes the commissioner of insurance to take certain actions relative to insurance during a declared emergency. (8/1/21) (EN SEE)

Sponsor: Mark Abraham

Introduced Date: 03/03/2021

Last Action: Effective date 8/1/2021. - (06/14/2021)

CCHP Classification: [Private Payer Reimbursement](#) [Coronavirus](#)

Notes:

Allows the Insurance Commissioner to issue emergency rules or regulations regarding Medical coverage regarding the removal of telehealth and telemedicine access restraints during a public health emergency.

Bill Number: [SB 93](#)

Bill Title: HEALTH DEPARTMENT: Provides relative to telehealth services provided by licensed hearing aid dealers. (8/1/21) (EN NO IMPACT See Note)

Sponsor: J. Rogers Pope

Introduced Date: 03/30/2021

Last Action: Effective date 8/1/2021. - (06/04/2021)

CCHP Classification: [Regulatory, Licensing and Advisory Boards](#)

Notes:

Adds licensed hearing aid dealers to the definition of health care provider included in the Louisiana Telehealth Access Act. Adds reference to the board's authority to promulgate rules for the provision of telehealth services in accordance with the Louisiana Telehealth Access Act.

Maryland

Bill Number: [SB 278](#)

Bill Title: State Department of Education and Maryland Department of Health - Maryland School-Based Health Center Standards - Telehealth

Sponsor: Cheryl C. Kagan

Introduced Date: 10/08/2020

Last Action: Hearing 1/20 at 2:00 p.m. - (12/29/2021)

CCHP Classification: [Regulatory, Licensing and Advisory Boards](#) [Miscellaneous](#)

Notes:

Requires the State Department of Education and the Maryland Department of Health to authorize a certain health care practitioner to provide health care services through telehealth under certain circumstances; prohibiting the State Department of Education and the Maryland Department of Health from establishing certain requirements for a certain school-based health center to provide health care services through telehealth; requiring, on or before a certain date.

Bill Number: [HB 288](#)

Bill Title: Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact

Sponsor: Nicholas P. Charles II

Introduced Date: 09/16/2020

Last Action: Hearing 2/04 at 1:30 p.m. - (12/23/2021)

CCHP Classification: [Cross-State Licensing](#)

Notes:

Enters Maryland into the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact.

Bill Number: [HB 123](#)

Bill Title: Preserve Telehealth Access Act of 2021

Sponsor: Joseline A. Pena-Melnyk

Introduced Date: 10/13/2020

Last Action: Hearing 1/27 at 1:30 p.m. - (12/23/2021)

CCHP Classification: Medicaid Reimbursement Private Payer Reimbursement

Notes:

Requires the Maryland Medical Assistance Program, subject to a certain limitation, to provide for service delivery through telehealth. Also alters a provision of law requiring certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to reimburse certain health care services provided through telehealth to require reimbursement to be provided in a certain manner and at a certain rate; prohibiting certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations from imposing, as a condition of reimbursement of a health care service delivered through telehealth, that the health care service be provided by a certain health care provider.

Bill Number: [HB 34](#)

Bill Title: State Department of Education and Maryland Department of Health - Maryland School-Based Health Center Standards - Telehealth

Sponsor: Samuel Isadore Rosenberg

Introduced Date: 10/08/2020

Last Action: Hearing 1/27 at 1:30 p.m. (Health and Government Operations) - (12/23/2021)

CCHP Classification: Medicaid Reimbursement

Notes:

Requires the State Department of Education and the Maryland Department of Health to authorize a certain health care practitioner to provide health care services through telehealth under certain circumstances; prohibits the State Department of Education and the Maryland Department of Health from establishing certain requirements for a certain school-based health center to provide health care services through telehealth; requires, on or before a certain date, the State Department of Education and the Maryland Department of Health to revise the Maryland school-based health center standards to reflect certain requirements and prohibitions; and generally relates to standards for school-based health centers.

Bill Number: [SB 3](#)

Bill Title: Preserve Telehealth Access Act of 2021

Sponsor: Griffith

Introduced Date: 10/13/2020

Last Action: Hearing 1/27 at 1:00 p.m. - (12/23/2021)

CCHP Classification: Medicaid Reimbursement Private Payer Reimbursement

Notes:

Requires the Maryland Medical Assistance Program, subject to a certain limitation, to provide health care services through telehealth; authorizing the Maryland Department of Health to apply to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for a certain amendment to certain waivers to implement certain requirements of this Act; alters a provision of law requiring certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to reimburse certain health care services provided through telehealth to require reimbursement to be provided in a certain manner and at a certain rate; prohibits certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations from imposing, as a condition of reimbursement of a health care service delivered through telehealth, that the health care service be provided by a certain health care provider; among other items.

Bill Number: [HB 1287](#)

Bill Title: Alcohol and Drug Counseling - Alcohol and Drug Trainees - Practice Through Telehealth

Sponsor: Robbyn T. Lewis

Introduced Date: 02/08/2021

Last Action: Enacted under Article II, Section 17(c) of the Maryland Constitution - Chapter 796 - (05/30/2021)

CCHP Classification: Regulatory, Licensing and Advisory Boards Substance Use Disorder

Notes:

Clarifies that an individual may practice clinical alcohol and drug counseling through telehealth.

Bill Number: [SB 646](#)

Bill Title: Alcohol and Drug Counseling - Alcohol and Drug Trainees - Practice Through Telehealth

Sponsor: Mary Beth Carozza

Introduced Date: 01/29/2021

Last Action: Enacted under Article II, Section 17(c) of the Maryland Constitution - Chapter 797 - (05/30/2021)

CCHP Classification: Regulatory, Licensing and Advisory Boards Substance Use Disorder

Notes:

Clarifies that an individual may practice clinical alcohol and drug counseling through telehealth.

Bill Number: [HB 1243](#)

Bill Title: Behavioral Health Services and Voluntary Placement Agreements – Children and Young Adults – Report Modifications

Sponsor: Sheree Sample-Hughes

Introduced Date: 02/08/2021

Last Action: Enacted under Article II, Section 17(c) of the Maryland Constitution - Chapter 481 - (05/30/2021)

CCHP Classification: Regulatory, Licensing and Advisory Boards Substance Use Disorder

Notes:

Clarifies that the annual report on behavioral health services for children and young adults include the number of those that used a public behavioral health service provided through telehealth.

Bill Number: [SB 520](#)

Bill Title: Behavioral Health Services and Voluntary Placement Agreements - Children and Young Adults - Report Modifications

Sponsor: Katherine Ann Klausmeier

Introduced Date: 01/22/2021

Last Action: Enacted under Article II, Section 17(c) of the Maryland Constitution - Chapter 482 - (05/30/2021)

CCHP Classification: Regulatory, Licensing and Advisory Boards Substance Use Disorder

Notes:

Clarifies that the annual report on behavioral health services for children and young adults include the number of those that used a public behavioral health service provided through telehealth.

Bill Number: [HB 736](#)

Bill Title: Interstate Licensed Professional Counselors Compact

Sponsor: Speaker

Introduced Date: 01/26/2021

Last Action: Approved by the Governor - Chapter 134 - (05/18/2021)

CCHP Classification: Cross-State Licensing

Notes:

Establishes Interstate Licensed Professional Counselors Compact.

Bill Number: [SB 571](#)

Bill Title: Interstate Licensed Professional Counselors Compact

Sponsor: President

Introduced Date: 01/26/2021

Last Action: Approved by the Governor - Chapter 135 - (05/18/2021)

CCHP Classification: Cross-State Licensing

Notes:

Establishes Interstate Licensed Professional Counselors Compact.

Bill Number: [HB 540](#)

Bill Title: Interstate Occupational Therapy Licensure Compact

Sponsor: James Matthew Morgan

Introduced Date: 01/15/2021

Last Action: Approved by the Governor - Chapter 93 - (04/13/2021)

CCHP Classification: Cross-State Licensing

Notes:

Enacts the Interstate Occupational Therapy Licensure Compact.

Bill Number: [SB 139](#)

Bill Title: Interstate Occupational Therapy Licensure Compact

Sponsor: Carozza and Beidle

Introduced Date: 10/28/2020

Last Action: Approved by the Governor - Chapter 94 - (04/13/2021)

CCHP Classification: Cross-State Licensing

Notes:

Enters Maryland in to the Interstate Occupational Therapy Licensure Compact.

Maine

Bill Number: [LD 1484](#)

Bill Title: An Act To Enhance The Connectmaine Authority'S Capacity To Provide World-Class Internet

Sponsor: Richard A. Bennett

Introduced Date: 04/12/2021

Last Action: Signed by Governor - (06/24/2021)

CCHP Classification: Broadband

Notes:

Establishes the Maine Connectivity Authority and membership, includes requirement that one member possess expertise in telehealth delivery and telehealth system needs.

Bill Number: [LD 31](#)

Bill Title: An Act To Adopt The Occupational Therapy Licensure Compact

Sponsor: Heather B. Sanborn

Introduced Date: 01/11/2021

Last Action: Signed by Governor - (06/22/2021)

CCHP Classification: Cross-State Licensing

Notes:

Enacts the Occupational Therapy Compact in Maine.

Bill Number: [LD 863](#)

Bill Title: An Act To Have Maine Join The Interstate Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact To Improve Telehealth Options For Psychologists And Their Patients

Sponsor: Denise A. Tepler

Introduced Date: 03/10/2021

Last Action: Signed by Governor - (06/22/2021)

CCHP Classification: Cross-State Licensing

Notes:

Enacts the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact.

Bill Number: [LD 791](#)

Bill Title: An Act Regarding Telehealth Regulations

Sponsor: Heather B. Sanborn

Introduced Date: 03/10/2021

Last Action: Signed by Governor - (06/21/2021)

CCHP Classification: Regulatory, Licensing and Advisory Boards

Notes:

This bill proposes to amend the laws governing telehealth.

Bill Number: [LD 1730](#)

Bill Title: An Act To Correct Inconsistencies, Conflicts And Errors In The Laws Of Maine

Sponsor: Thomas A. Harnett

Introduced Date: 05/25/2021

Last Action: Signed by Governor - (06/21/2021)

CCHP Classification: Cross-State Licensing

Notes:

Replaces the word telemedicine with telehealth in their interstate practice of telehealth statute.

Bill Number: [LD 76](#)

Bill Title: An Act To Amend The Dental Practice Act To Define "Supervision" And Authorize Teledentistry

Sponsor: Kristi Michele Mathieson

Introduced Date: 01/11/2021

Last Action: Signed by Governor - (06/16/2021)

CCHP Classification: Regulatory, Licensing and Advisory Boards

Notes:

Amends The Dental Practice Act to define "Supervision" and authorize teledentistry.

Michigan

Bill Number: [HB 4359](#)

Bill Title: Health occupations: nurses; scope of practice of registered professional nurse holding a specialty certification as a nurse anesthetist; modify. Amends secs.

Sponsor: Mary Whiteford

Introduced Date: 02/24/2021

Last Action: approved by the Governor 07/13/2021 10:08 AM - (07/14/2021)

CCHP Classification: Regulatory, Licensing and Advisory Boards

Notes:

Creates standards for certified nurse anesthetists, and ensures that a qualified health care professional is immediately available in person or through telemedicine to address any urgent or emergent clinical concerns.

Minnesota

Bill Number: [HF 63](#)

Bill Title: Omnibus public safety bill.

Sponsor: Carlos Mariani

Introduced Date: 06/26/2021

Last Action: Secretary of State Chapter 11 06/30/2021 - (06/30/2021)

CCHP Classification:

Notes:

Requires the Commissioner of Corrections to have minimum standards including a policy regarding the use of telehealth.

Bill Number: [HF 33](#)

Bill Title: Omnibus health and human services bill.

Sponsor: Tina Liebling

Introduced Date: 06/15/2021

Last Action: Governor's action Approval 06/29/2021 - (06/29/2021)

CCHP Classification:

Notes:

Extends COVID-19 waivers and overhauls Medicaid and Private Payer telehealth laws. Updates all definitions, expands eligible providers, removes 3 visit per enrollee limit, permanently adds telemonitoring, strengthens parity language. Adds audio-only coverage requirement under Medicaid and Private Payer until June 30, 2023. Requires a study by Medicaid and Insurance Agencies on telehealth expansion and audio-only.

Bill Number: [HF 2128](#)

Bill Title: Omnibus health and human services policy and finance bill.

Sponsor: Tina Liebling

Introduced Date: 03/11/2021

Last Action: Governor's action Approval 05/25/2021 - (05/25/2021)

CCHP Classification:

Notes:

Updates definition of health care provider in telemedicine statutes.

Missouri

Bill Number: [SB 53](#)

Bill Title: Modifies provisions relating to the administration of justice

Sponsor: Tony Luetkemeyer

Introduced Date: 12/01/2020

Last Action: Signed by Governor - (07/14/2021)

CCHP Classification:

Notes:

Establishes a statewide telehealth network of forensic examinations of sexual offenses.

Bill Number: [HB 476](#)

Bill Title: Modifies provisions relating to professional registration

Sponsor: Derek Grier

Introduced Date: 12/14/2020

Last Action: Approved by Governor (G) - (06/22/2021)

CCHP Classification: Cross-State Licensing

Notes:

Establishes the Interstate Occupational Therapy Compact for reciprocity for military spouses.

Bill Number: [HB 273](#)

Bill Title: Modifies provisions relating to professional registration

Sponsor: Tom Hannegan

Introduced Date: 12/01/2020

Last Action: Approved by Governor (G) - (06/22/2021)

CCHP Classification: Cross-State Licensing

Notes:

Enters Missouri into the Occupational Therapy Licensure Compact.

Mississippi

Bill Number: [SB 2799](#)

Bill Title: Mississippi Medicaid Program; make technical amendments to reimbursements and administration.

Sponsor: Kevin Edward Blackwell

Introduced Date: 01/18/2021

Last Action: Law W/out Governor's Signature - (04/20/2021)

CCHP Classification: Medicaid Reimbursement

Notes:

To require Medicaid to recognize Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC), Rural Health Clinics (RHC) and Community Mental Health Centers (CMHC) as both an originating and distant site provider for the purposes of telehealth reimbursement .

Bill Number: [HB 294](#)

Bill Title: Hospices; delete repealer on authority for prescribing certain drugs without in-person visit with a patient.

Sponsor: Rebecca Currie

Introduced Date: 01/18/2021

Last Action: Approved by Governor - (03/22/2021)

CCHP Classification: Online Prescribing & Provider-Patient Relationship Establishment

Notes:

Allows a covering practitioner to do an evaluation through the practice of telemedicine for purposes of a valid prescription under some circumstances.

Bill Number: [HB 200](#)

Bill Title: Remote patient monitoring services; delete requirement of 2 recent hospitalizations to qualify for.

Sponsor: Sam C. Mims V

Introduced Date: 01/14/2021

Last Action: Approved by Governor - (03/10/2021)

CCHP Classification: Medicaid Reimbursement

Notes:

Deletes the requirement that qualifying patients for remote patient monitoring must have had two or more hospitalizations in the last twelve months, and also alters requirement for prior authorization.

Montana

Bill Number: [SB 357](#)

Bill Title: Generally revising requirements related to telehealth

Sponsor: Jen Gross

Introduced Date: 08/07/2020

Last Action: Chapter Number Assigned - (05/17/2021)

CCHP Classification: Regulatory, Licensing and Advisory Boards

Notes:

Permits providers enrolled in the medicaid program to provide medically necessary services by means of telehealth if the services meet the listed requirements. Removes the terms telepharmacy, telemedicine, telepractice and replaces them with "telehealth." Also defines the term "telehealth."

Bill Number: [HB 43](#)

Bill Title: Expand practice of telemedicine

Sponsor: Rhonda Knudsen

Introduced Date: 09/15/2020

Last Action: Chapter Number Assigned - (04/23/2021)

CCHP Classification: Private Payer Reimbursement Regulatory, Licensing and Advisory Boards

Notes:

Specifies that a previously established provider-patient relationship is not necessary for use of telehealth. It also extends the coverage requirement to public employee benefit plans and self-insured student health plans and prohibits certain contract provisions from insurance companies that impose site restrictions.

North Carolina

Bill Number: [SB 146](#)

Bill Title: Teledentistry/RDH Admin. Local Anesthetic.

Sponsor: James Allen Perry

Introduced Date: 02/24/2021

Last Action: Signed by Gov. 7/23/2021 - (07/23/2021)

CCHP Classification: Regulatory, Licensing and Advisory

Boards Notes:

Establishes standards for the practice of teledentistry.

Bill Number: [HB 734](#)

Bill Title: Dept. of Health & Human Services Revisions.

Sponsor: Larry Wayne Potts

Introduced Date: 04/28/2021

Last Action: Ch. SL 2021-77 - (07/02/2021)

CCHP Classification: Regulatory, Licensing and Advisory Boards Miscellaneous

Notes:

Allows an evaluation for an involuntary commitment to be performed via telehealth.

Bill Number: [HB 224](#)

Bill Title: Occupational Therapy Interstate Compact.

Sponsor: Larry Wayne Potts

Introduced Date: 03/03/2021

Last Action: Ch. SL 2021-31 - (06/11/2021)

CCHP Classification: Cross-State Licensing

Notes:

Establishes an interstate compact for occupational therapy.

North Dakota

Bill Number: [HB 1465](#)

Bill Title: AN ACT to create and enact a new section to chapter 23-12 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to vaccine information; to amend and reenact section

Sponsor: Greg Westlind

Introduced Date: 01/18/2021

Last Action: Filed with Secretary Of State 05/10 - (05/24/2021)

CCHP Classification: Private Payer Reimbursement

Notes:

Changes the definition of telehealth in law related to private payer reimbursement and makes other modifications.

Bill Number: [HB 1175](#)

Bill Title: AN ACT to create and enact a new chapter to title 32 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to business immunity from COVID-19 liability claims; to provide

Sponsor: Michael Howe

Introduced Date: 01/11/2021

Last Action: Filed with Secretary Of State 04/23 - (04/27/2021)

CCHP Classification: Coronavirus Miscellaneous

Notes:

Provides for immunity for COVID-19 liability claims for health care providers, under some circumstances. A health care provider includes a person engaged in telemedicine or telehealth.

Bill Number: [HB 1151](#)

Bill Title: AN ACT to create and enact two new sections to chapter 43-28 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to telehealth and the practice of dentistry; to amend

Sponsor: William R. Devlin

Introduced Date: 01/08/2021

Last Action: Filed with Secretary Of State 04/20 - (04/21/2021)

CCHP Classification: Regulatory, Licensing and Advisory Boards

Notes:

Creates standards of care and professional ethics for the use of telehealth in dentistry.

Bill Number: [SB 2187](#)

Bill Title: AN ACT to create and enact a new subdivision to subsection 2 of section 12-60-24 and sections 43-44-09.1, 43-44-09.2, 43-44-10.1, 43-44-18, 43-44-19, 43-44-20,

Sponsor: Kristin Roers

Introduced Date: 01/12/2021

Last Action: Filed with Secretary Of State 04/16 - (04/20/2021)

CCHP Classification: Regulatory, Licensing and Advisory Boards

Notes:

Establishes practice standards for medical nutrition therapy.

Bill Number: [SB 2060](#)

Bill Title: AN ACT to amend and reenact sections 43-06-01, 43-06-02, 43-06-04, 43-06-04.1, 43-06-05, 43-06-08, 43-06-09, 43-06-10.1, 43-06-11, 43-06-13, 43-06-15,

Sponsor: Industry

Introduced Date: 01/05/2021

Last Action: Filed with Secretary Of State 04/16 - (04/20/2021)

CCHP Classification: Regulatory, Licensing and Advisory Boards

Notes:

Defines telehealth for chiropractic services.

Nebraska

Bill Number: [LB 487](#)

Bill Title: Change insurance coverage provisions for mental health conditions and serious mental illness

Sponsor: John Arch

Introduced Date: 01/19/2021

Last Action: Approved by Governor on April 21, 2021 - (04/21/2021)

CCHP Classification: Private Payer Reimbursement

Notes:

Prohibits an insurance plan from placing a greater financial burden on an insured for accessing treatment for a mental health condition using telehealth or telemonitoring services. Insurers shall provide, at a minimum, a reimbursement rate for accessing treatment for a mental health condition using telehealth or telemonitoring services that is the same as the rate for a comparable treatment provided or supervised in person.

Bill Number: [LB 400](#)

Bill Title: Change requirements related to coverage of telehealth by insurers and medicaid

Sponsor: John Arch

Introduced Date: 01/14/2021

Last Action: Approved by Governor on April 21, 2021 - (04/21/2021)

CCHP Classification: Medicaid Reimbursement Private Payer Reimbursement

Notes:

Change requirements related to coverage of telehealth by insurers and medicaid.

New Hampshire

Bill Number: [SB 133](#)

Bill Title: adopting omnibus legislation relative to occupational licensure.

Sponsor: Sharon M. Carson

Introduced Date: 02/03/2021

Last Action: Part V. Effective I. Section 1 & 2 as provided in Part V; Section 5 - (08/16/2021)

CCHP Classification: Cross-State Licensing

Notes:

Adopts the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Compact and the Occupational Therapy Licensure Compact and allows out-of-state psychologists to provide services through Telehealth.

New Jersey

Bill Number: [A 4205](#)

Bill Title: Enters New Jersey into Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact.

Sponsor: Louis David Greenwald

Introduced Date: 06/01/2020

Last Action: Approved P.L.2021, c.229. - (09/24/2021)

CCHP Classification: Cross-State Licensing

Notes:

Enters New Jersey into Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact.

Bill Number: [S 619](#)

Bill Title: Permits use of telemedicine and telehealth to authorize patients for medical cannabis and to issue written instructions for dispensing medical cannabis. *

Sponsor: Declan Joseph O'Scanlon Jr.

Introduced Date: 01/14/2020

Last Action: Approved P.L.2021, c.118. - (06/24/2021)

CCHP Classification: Regulatory, Licensing and Advisory Boards Online Prescribing & Provider-Patient Relationship Establishment

Notes:

Permits the dispensing of medical cannabis through telemedicine and telehealth under certain circumstances.

Bill Number: [A 4476](#)

Bill Title: Establishes certain requirements concerning State's preparedness and response to infectious disease outbreaks, including coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)

Sponsor: Valerie Vainieri Huttie

Introduced Date: 07/30/2020

Last Action: Approved P.L.2020, c.87. - (09/16/2020)

CCHP Classification: Coronavirus

Notes:

Establishes certain requirements concerning State's preparedness and response to infectious disease outbreaks, including coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic, including establishing the Long-Term Care Emergency Operations Center (LTCEOC). The LTCEOC shall develop guidance and best practices in response to an outbreak, epidemic, or pandemic involving an infectious disease concerning, as appropriate, infection control, symptom monitoring, and the use of telemedicine and telehealth to provide contactless health care services.

Bill Number: [A 4481](#)

Bill Title: Establishes New Jersey Task Force on Long-Term Care Quality and Safety.

Sponsor: William F. Moen Jr.

Introduced Date: 07/30/2020

Last Action: Approved P.L.2020, c.88. - (09/16/2020)

CCHP Classification: Regulatory, Licensing and Advisory Boards

Notes:

Substituted for S2787

Establishes the New Jersey Task Force on Long-Term Care Quality and Safety. The task force is to focus on broader reforms to the long-term system of care, including developing technology requirements to enable enhanced use of telemedicine and telehealth, among other items.

Bill Number: [S 2467](#)

Bill Title: Extends duration of certain laws pertaining to use of telemedicine and telehealth in relation to COVID-19 pandemic.

Sponsor: Nelida Pou

Introduced Date: 05/11/2020

Last Action: Approved P.L.2020, c.47. - (07/01/2020)

CCHP Classification: Coronavirus

Notes:

Extends duration of certain laws pertaining to use of telemedicine and telehealth in relation to COVID-19 pandemic.

Bill Number: [S 2333](#)

Bill Title: Provides civil and criminal immunity to certain health care professionals and health care facilities during public health emergency and state of emergency;

Sponsor: Thomas Howard Kean Jr.

Introduced Date: 04/09/2020

Last Action: Approved P.L.2020, c.18. - (04/14/2020)

CCHP Classification: Coronavirus

Notes:

Provides immunity for healthcare professionals or facilities utilizing telehealth or telemedicine during the COVID-19 crisis.

Bill Number: [A 3843](#)

Bill Title: Requires health insurance and Medicaid coverage for testing of coronavirus disease 2019 and for telemedicine and telehealth during coronavirus disease 2019

Sponsor: John Francis McKeon

Introduced Date: 03/16/2020

Last Action: Approved P.L.2020, c.7. - (03/20/2020)

CCHP Classification: Private Payer Reimbursement Coronavirus

Notes:

Requires health insurance and Medicaid coverage for testing of coronavirus disease 2019 and for telemedicine and telehealth during coronavirus disease 2019 state of emergency.

Bill Number: [A 3860](#)

Bill Title: Establishes certain requirements to use telemedicine and telehealth to respond to coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).

Sponsor: Nancy J. Pinkin

Introduced Date: 03/16/2020

Last Action: Substituted for S2289 - (03/19/2020)

CCHP Classification: Private Payer Reimbursement Regulatory, Licensing and Advisory Boards Online Prescribing & Provider-Patient Relationship Establishment Coronavirus

Notes:

Establishes certain requirements to use telemedicine and telehealth to respond to coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).

New Mexico

Bill Number: [SB 200](#)

Bill Title: TELEDENTISTRY DEFINITION

Sponsor: Gerald P. Ortiz y pino

Introduced Date: 01/31/2021

Last Action: Signed - (04/06/2021)

CCHP Classification: Regulatory, Licensing and Advisory Boards Miscellaneous

Notes:

Updates the definition of teledentistry to be the use of electronic information, imaging and communication technologies, including interactive audio, video and data communications, as well as store-and-forward technologies, to provide and support health care delivery, diagnosis, consultation, treatment, transfer of medical data and education.

Nevada

Bill Number: [AB 388](#)

Bill Title: Revises provisions governing access to broadband services. (BDR 18-790)

Sponsor: Cameron Miller

Introduced Date: 03/23/2021

Last Action: Chapter 519. - (06/14/2021)

CCHP Classification: Broadband

Notes:

Establishes a program to enable voluntary contributions for infrastructure grants for broadband deployment; requires the Office of Science, Innovation and Technology in the Office of the Governor to establish a program to make infrastructure grants for broadband deployment; and requires the Office of Science, Innovation and Technology to establish a program to encourage deployment of broadband infrastructure in certain communities.

Bill Number: [SB 5](#)

Bill Title: Makes changes relating to telehealth. (BDR 40-416)

Sponsor: Senate Committee on Health and Human Services

Introduced Date: 11/18/2020

Last Action: Approved by the Governor. Chapter 479. - (06/04/2021)

CCHP Classification:

Notes:

Requires the Department of Health and Human Services to establish an electronic tool to analyze certain data concerning access to telehealth; Requires certain entities to review access to services provided through telehealth and evaluate policies to make such access more equitable; Revises provisions governing services provided through telehealth and insurance coverage of such services.

Bill Number: [AB 200](#)

Bill Title: Revises provisions governing veterinary medicine. (BDR 54-168)

Sponsor: View 2 Primary Sponsors Close Primary Sponsors

Introduced Date: 03/04/2021

Last Action: Approved by the Governor. Chapter 186. - (05/28/2021)

CCHP Classification:

Notes:

Revises provisions governing veterinary medicine.

New York

Bill Number: [S 2507](#)

Bill Title: Enacts into law major components of legislation necessary to implement the state health and mental hygiene budget for the 2021-2022 state fiscal year

Introduced Date: 01/20/2021

Last Action: SIGNED CHAP.57 - (04/19/2021)

CCHP Classification:

Notes:

Enacts into law major components of legislation necessary to implement the state health and mental hygiene budget for the 2021-2022 state fiscal year, including removing some originating site limitations on the use of Telehealth. States that any site within the U.S. is eligible to be a distant site for delivery and payment purposes.

Ohio

Bill Number: [HB 252](#)

Bill Title: Enter Audiology / Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact

Sponsor: Andrea White

Introduced Date: 04/12/2021

Last Action: Effective 9/30/21 - (09/30/2021)

CCHP Classification:

Notes:

Enters Ohio into the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact

Bill Number: [SB 7](#)

Bill Title: Enter into Occupational Therapy Licensure Compact **Sponsor:** Kristina Daley Roegner

Introduced Date: 01/19/2021

Last Action: Effective 6/30/21 - (06/30/2021)

CCHP Classification: **Notes:**

Enter Ohio into Occupational Therapy Licensure Compact.

Oklahoma

Bill Number: [HB 2877](#)

Bill Title: Mental health; law enforcement transportation; mental health services; telemedicine; effective date.

Sponsor: Kevin Wallace

Introduced Date: 02/01/2021

Last Action: Bill Created - (11/02/2021)

CCHP Classification:

Notes:

Permits sheriffs and peace officers to utilize telemedicine, when such capability is available and is in the possession of the local law enforcement agency, to have a person whom the officer reasonably believes is a person requiring treatment, as defined in Section 1-103 of this title, assessed by a licensed mental health professional employed by or under contract with a facility operated by, certified by, or contracted with the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services.

Bill Number: [HB 2546](#)

Bill Title: Sexual assault victims; creating the Sexual Assault Victims' Right to Information Act; declaring rights of sexual assault victims; effective date.

Sponsor: Cyndi Ann Munson

Introduced Date: 02/01/2021

Last Action: Bill Created - (11/02/2021)

CCHP Classification:

Notes:

Creates the Sexual Assault Victims' Right to Information Act. Specifies that a sexual assault victim has the right to consult, in person or via telemedicine with a sexual assault victims advocate, among other things.

Bill Number: [HB 2120](#)

Bill Title: Telemedicine; modifying definitions; effective date.

Sponsor: Marcus McEntire

Introduced Date: 02/01/2021

Last Action: Bill Created - (11/02/2021)

CCHP Classification:

Notes:

Amends the Oklahoma Telemedicine Act.

Bill Number: [HB 2040](#)

Bill Title: Telecommunications; Rural Broadband Expansion Council; allowing legislators to have chair or co-chair position; guidelines for broadband incentive awards;

Sponsor: Charles Adelbert McCall III

Introduced Date: 02/01/2021

Last Action: Bill Created - (11/02/2021)

CCHP Classification: Broadband

Notes:

Takes steps to broaden broadband availability in the state partially based on recommendations of the Rural Broadband Expansion Council.

Bill Number: [SB 779](#)

Bill Title: Abortion; creating the Oklahoma Abortion-Inducing Drug Certification Program Act; providing requirements for manufacturers and distributors; reporting.

Sponsor: Julie Daniels

Introduced Date: 02/01/2021

Last Action: Bill Created - (11/02/2021)

CCHP Classification: Online Prescribing & Provider-Patient Relationship Establishment

Notes:

Prohibits abortion-inducing drugs to be provided directly to a patient through the mail, telemedicine or otherwise outside of the parameters of the Oklahoma Abortion-Inducing Drug Certification Program.

Bill Number: [SB 674](#)

Bill Title: Telemedicine; requiring certain coverage and reimbursement of health care services; prohibiting certain exclusions, limits, restrictions and utilization review.

Sponsor: Greg McCortney

Introduced Date: 02/01/2021

Last Action: Bill Created - (11/02/2021)

CCHP Classification: Private Payer Reimbursement

Notes:

Amends telemedicine reimbursement requirements.

Bill Number: [SB 673](#)

Bill Title: Telemedicine; making certain definitions uniform. Effective date.

Sponsor: Greg McCortney

Introduced Date: 02/01/2021

Last Action: Bill Created - (11/02/2021)

CCHP Classification: Private Payer Reimbursement

Notes:

Amends telemedicine definition.

Bill Number: [SB 408](#)

Bill Title: Dentistry; examinations; licensure; continuing education; records. Effective date. Emergency.

Sponsor: Jessica Garvin

Introduced Date: 02/01/2021

Last Action: Bill Created - (11/02/2021)

CCHP Classification: Regulatory, Licensing and Advisory Boards

Notes:

Defines teldentistry and requirements.

Bill Number: [SB 270](#)

Bill Title: Professions and occupations; modifying the Oklahoma Veterinary Practice Act; modifying certain definitions, power, and reciprocity of license. Effective date.

Sponsor: William Casey Murdock

Introduced Date: 02/01/2021

Last Action: Bill Created - (11/02/2021)

CCHP Classification: Regulatory, Licensing and Advisory Boards

Notes:

Amends definition for telemedicine or telehealth in the Oklahoma Veterinary Practice Act.

Bill Number: [SB 104](#)

Bill Title: Physical therapy; authorizing provision of services via telehealth; definitions. Effective date.

Sponsor: John Haste

Introduced Date: 02/01/2021

Last Action: Bill Created - (11/02/2021)

CCHP Classification: Regulatory, Licensing and Advisory Boards

Notes:

Permits physical therapy services to be provided remotely via telehealth, to individuals or groups.

Bill Number: [SB 3](#)

Bill Title: Mental health transport services by law enforcement; amending certain responsibility. Effective date.

Sponsor: David Bullard

Introduced Date: 02/01/2021

Last Action: Bill Created - (11/02/2021)

CCHP Classification: Substance Use Disorder

Notes:

Permits sheriffs and peace officers to utilize telemedicine, when such capability is available and is in the possession of the local law enforcement agency, to have a person whom the officer reasonably believes is a person requiring treatment, as defined in Section 1-103 of this title, assessed by a licensed mental health professional employed by or under contract with a facility operated by, certified by or contracted with the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services.

Bill Number: [SB 779](#)

Bill Title: Abortion; creating the Oklahoma Abortion-Inducing Drug Certification Program Act; providing requirements for manufacturers and distributors; reporting.

Sponsor: Julie Daniels

Introduced Date: 02/01/2021

Last Action: Approved by Governor 05/28/2021 - (05/28/2021)

CCHP Classification: Online Prescribing & Provider-Patient Relationship Establishment

Notes:

Specifies that abortion-inducing drugs shall not be provided directly to the patient through the mail, telemedicine, or otherwise outside of the parameters of the Oklahoma Abortion-Inducing Drug Certification Program.

Bill Number: [SB 408](#)

Bill Title: Dentistry; examinations; licensure; continuing education; records. Effective date. Emergency.

Sponsor: Greg McCortney

Introduced Date: 02/01/2021

Last Action: Approved by Governor 05/28/2021 - (05/28/2021)

CCHP Classification: Regulatory, Licensing and Advisory Boards

Notes:

Provides a definition for teledentistry.

Bill Number: [SB 270](#)

Bill Title: Professions and occupations; modifying the Oklahoma Veterinary Practice Act; modifying certain definitions, power, and reciprocity of license. Effective date.

Sponsor: William Casey Murdock

Introduced Date: 02/01/2021

Last Action: Approved by Governor 05/28/2021 - (05/28/2021)

CCHP Classification: Regulatory, Licensing and Advisory Boards

Notes:

Amends the definition of telehealth for veterinary services.

Bill Number: [HB 2546](#)

Bill Title: Sexual assault victims; creating the Sexual Assault Victims' Right to Information Act; declaring rights of sexual assault victims; effective date.

Sponsor: Cyndi Ann Munson

Introduced Date: 02/01/2021

Last Action: Approved by Governor 05/28/2021 - (05/27/2021)

CCHP Classification: Miscellaneous

Notes:

Requires that a sexual assault victim have access to speak with an advocate in person, telephonically, virtually or through audio and visual communication.

Bill Number: [HB 2120](#)

Bill Title: Telemedicine; modifying definitions; effective date.

Sponsor: Marcus McEntire

Introduced Date: 02/01/2021

Last Action: Approved by Governor 05/28/2021 - (05/27/2021)

CCHP Classification: Private Payer Reimbursement

Notes:

Deletes a definition for mhealth.

Bill Number: [HB 2040](#)

Bill Title: Telecommunications; Rural Broadband Expansion Council; allowing legislators to have chair or co-chair position; guidelines for broadband incentive awards;

Sponsor: Charles Adelbert McCall III

Introduced Date: 02/01/2021

Last Action: Approved by Governor 05/28/2021 - (05/27/2021)

CCHP Classification: Broadband

Notes:

Makes modifications to the Rural Broadband Expansion Council.

Bill Number: [SB 674](#)

Bill Title: Telemedicine; requiring certain coverage and reimbursement of health care services; prohibiting certain exclusions, limits, restrictions and utilization review.

Sponsor: Greg McCortney

Introduced Date: 02/01/2021

Last Action: Approved by Governor 05/05/2021 - (05/05/2021)

CCHP Classification: Medicaid Reimbursement Medicare Reimbursement Private Payer Reimbursement Miscellaneous

Notes:

Amends definition of telemedicine and requires insurers to provide certain coverage of health care services provided through telemedicine.

Bill Number: [SB 673](#)

Bill Title: Telemedicine; making certain definitions uniform. Effective date.

Sponsor: Greg McCortney

Introduced Date: 02/01/2021

Last Action: Approved by Governor 04/27/2021 - (04/27/2021)

CCHP Classification: Regulatory, Licensing and Advisory Boards Miscellaneous

Notes:

Amends telemedicine definition.

Bill Number: [SB 104](#)

Bill Title: Physical therapy; authorizing provision of services via telehealth; definitions. Effective date.

Sponsor: John Haste

Introduced Date: 02/01/2021

Last Action: Approved by Governor 04/20/2021 - (04/20/2021)

CCHP Classification: Regulatory, Licensing and Advisory Boards

Notes:

Authorizes telehealth for physical therapy.

Bill Number: [HB 2877](#)

Bill Title: Mental health; law enforcement transportation; mental health services; telemedicine; effective date.

Sponsor: Kevin Wallace

Introduced Date: 02/01/2021

Last Action: Approved by Governor 04/19/2021 - (04/19/2021)

CCHP Classification: Regulatory, Licensing and Advisory Boards Substance Use Disorder Miscellaneous

Notes:

Authorizes sheriffs and peace officers to utilize telemedicine, when such capability is available and is in the possession of the local law enforcement agency, to have a person whom the officer reasonably believes is a person requiring treatment, assessed by a licensed mental health professional employed by or under contract with a facility operated by or contracted with the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services.

Bill Number: [SB 3](#)

Bill Title: Mental health transport services by law enforcement; amending certain responsibility. Effective date.

Sponsor: David Bullard

Introduced Date: 02/01/2021

Last Action: Approved by Governor 04/19/2021 - (04/19/2021)

CCHP Classification: Miscellaneous

Notes:

Allows sheriffs and peace officers to utilize telemedicine, when such capability is available and is in the possession of the local law enforcement agency.

Bill Number: [HB 2508](#)

Bill Title: Relating to telemedicine; and declaring an emergency.

Sponsor: Rachel Prusak

Introduced Date: 01/11/2021

Last Action: Chapter 117, (2021 Laws): Effective date September 25, 2021. - (09/25/2021)

CCHP Classification: Private Payer Reimbursement

Notes:

Modifies requirements for health benefit plan coverage of telemedicine.

Bill Number: [SB 629](#)

Bill Title: Relating to telepharmacy; and prescribing an effective date.

Sponsor: William S. Hansell

Introduced Date: 01/11/2021

Last Action: Effective date, September 25, 2021. - (06/30/2021)

CCHP Classification: Regulatory, Licensing and Advisory Boards Online Prescribing & Provider-Patient Relationship Establishment

Notes:

Allows pharmacist to use telepharmacy to deliver pharmacy services to patient at remote location. Defines "telepharmacy."

Rhode Island

Bill Number: [SB 4](#)

Bill Title: AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- THE TELEMEDICINE COVERAGE ACT (Amends the provisions of the telemedicine coverage act and provide coverage for telemedicine)

Sponsor: Joshua Miller

Introduced Date: 01/11/2021

Last Action: 07/06/2021 Signed by Governor - (07/06/2021)

CCHP Classification: Medicaid Reimbursement Private Payer Reimbursement

Notes:

Adds audio-only to the definition of telehealth and requires Medicaid coverage and private payor payment parity. Requires health insurers to collect and provide data reflecting telehealth policies and experiences before January 1, 2022, and annually each year thereafter.

Bill Number: [HB 6032](#)

Bill Title: AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- THE TELEMEDICINE COVERAGE ACT (Amends the provisions of the telemedicine coverage act and provide coverage for telemedicine)

Sponsor: Stephen M. Casey

Introduced Date: 02/26/2021

Last Action: 07/06/2021 Signed by Governor - (07/06/2021)

CCHP Classification: Medicaid Reimbursement Private Payer Reimbursement

Notes:

Adds audio-only to the definition of telehealth and requires Medicaid coverage and private payor payment parity. Requires health insurers to collect and provide data reflecting telehealth policies and experiences before January 1, 2022, and annually each year thereafter.

South Dakota

Bill Number: [SB 96](#)

Bill Title: revise certain provisions regarding the use of telehealth technologies.

Introduced Date: 01/22/2021

Last Action: Signed by the Governor on 2021-03-09 S.J. 459 - (03/09/2021)

CCHP Classification: Online Prescribing & Provider-Patient Relationship Establishment Network Adequacy

Notes:

Requires any health care professional who utilizes telehealth to ensure that a proper health provider-patient relationship is established to include utilizing technology sufficient to evaluate or diagnose and appropriately treat a patient for the condition as presented in accordance with the applicable standard of care.

Bill Number: [HB 1046](#)

Bill Title: limit liability for certain exposures to COVID-19.

Sponsor: David L. Anderson

Introduced Date: 01/12/2021

Last Action: Signed by the Governor on 2021-02-18 H.J. 318 - (02/18/2021)

CCHP Classification: Coronavirus

Notes:

Limit liability for providers related to COVID-19 response and includes persons engaged in telehealth within the definition for health care professional.

Tennessee

Bill Number: [HB 967](#)

Bill Title: Health Care - As enacted, authorizes certain healthcare professionals licensed in other states to practice telehealth while providing healthcare services on a

Sponsor: Michele Carringer

Introduced Date: 02/10/2021

Last Action: Comp. became Pub. Ch. 357 - (05/18/2021)

CCHP Classification: Cross-State Licensing

Notes:

Authorizes certain healthcare professionals licensed in other states to practice telehealth while providing healthcare services on a volunteer basis through a free clinic in this state.

Bill Number: [SB 929](#)

Bill Title: Health Care - As enacted, authorizes certain healthcare professionals licensed in other states to practice telehealth while providing healthcare services on a

Sponsor: Becky Duncan Massey

Introduced Date: 02/10/2021

Last Action: Effective date(s) 05/11/2021 - (05/18/2021)

CCHP Classification: Cross-State Licensing

Notes:

Authorizes certain healthcare professionals licensed in other states to practice telehealth while providing healthcare services on a volunteer basis through a free clinic in this state.

Bill Number: [HB 620](#)

Bill Title: Insurance, Health, Accident - As enacted, authorizes the use of HIPAA-compliant audio-only conversation when providing behavioral health provider-based

Sponsor: Iris Rudder

Introduced Date: 02/05/2021

Last Action: Comp. became Pub. Ch. 191 - (05/03/2021)

CCHP Classification: Medicaid Reimbursement Private Payer Reimbursement

Notes:

Allows behavioral health in a patient's home or other remote location and audio-only when live video/store and forward isn't available.

Bill Number: [SB 1265](#)

Bill Title: Health Care - As enacted, authorizes unlicensed graduates and students of certain medical training programs to provide telehealth services as long as those

Sponsor: Shane Reeves

Introduced Date: 02/04/2021

Last Action: Comp. became Pub. Ch. 179 - (05/03/2021)

CCHP Classification: Regulatory, Licensing and Advisory Boards

Notes:

Authorizes unlicensed graduates and students of certain medical training programs to provide telehealth services as long as those graduates and students adhere to the same standards for the provision of telehealth services that licensed medical professionals must meet.

Bill Number: [SB 429](#)

Bill Title: Insurance, Health, Accident - As enacted, authorizes the use of HIPAA-compliant audio-only conversation when providing behavioral health provider-based

Sponsor: Todd Gardenhire

Introduced Date: 02/05/2021

Last Action: Pub. Ch. 191 - (05/03/2021)

CCHP Classification: Medicaid Reimbursement Private Payer Reimbursement

Notes:

Allows behavioral health in a patient's home or other remote location and audio-only when live video/store and forward isn't available.

Bill Number: [HB 508](#)

Bill Title: Health Care - As enacted, authorizes unlicensed graduates and students of certain medical training programs to provide telehealth services as long as those

Sponsor: Clark Boyd

Introduced Date: 02/04/2021

Last Action: Pub. Ch. 179 - (05/03/2021)

CCHP Classification: Regulatory, Licensing and Advisory Boards

Notes:

Authorizes unlicensed graduates and students of certain medical training programs to provide telehealth services as long as those graduates and students adhere to the same standards for the provision of telehealth services that licensed medical professionals must meet.

Bill Number: [HB 1275](#)

Bill Title: Therapists, Physical and Occupational - As enacted, makes certain changes to the practice of occupational therapy, including authorizing the practice of dry

Sponsor: Thomas F. Leatherwood III

Introduced Date: 02/10/2021

Last Action: Pub. Ch. 143 - (04/21/2021)

CCHP Classification: Regulatory, Licensing and Advisory Boards

Notes:

Authorizes the practice of physical therapy via telehealth.

Bill Number: [HB 552](#)

Bill Title: Health Care - As enacted, redefines store-and-forward telemedicine services for purposes of establishment of provider-patient relationships and standards of

Sponsor: Sam Whitson

Introduced Date: 02/04/2019

Last Action: Comp. became Pub. Ch. 153 - (04/21/2021)

CCHP Classification: Regulatory, Licensing and Advisory Boards Miscellaneous

Notes:

Updates definitions for telehealth to include audio and store-and-forward asynchronous computer-based communications.

Bill Number: [SB 1589](#)

Bill Title: Health Care - As enacted, redefines store-and-forward telemedicine services for purposes of establishment of provider-patient relationships and standards of

Sponsor: Paul Bailey

Introduced Date: 02/04/2021

Last Action: Pub. Ch. 153 - (04/21/2021)

CCHP Classification: Regulatory, Licensing and Advisory Boards Online Prescribing & Provider-Patient Relationship Establishment Miscellaneous

Notes:

Updates definitions for telehealth to include audio and store-and-forward asynchronous computer-based communications.

Bill Number: [SB 1072](#)

Bill Title: Therapists, Physical and Occupational - As enacted, makes certain changes to the practice of occupational therapy, including authorizing the practice of dry

Sponsor: Bo Watson

Introduced Date: 02/10/2021

Last Action: Pub. Ch. 143 - (04/21/2021)

CCHP Classification: Regulatory, Licensing and Advisory Boards

Notes:

Authorizes the practice of physical therapy via telehealth.

Texas

Bill Number: [SB 1827](#)

Bill Title: Relating to the creation of the opioid abatement account, an opioid abatement trust fund, and a statewide opioid settlement agreement.

Sponsor: Joan Huffman

Introduced Date: 03/12/2021

Last Action: Filed without the Governor's signature - (06/16/2021)

CCHP Classification: Substance Use Disorder

Notes:

Creates an opioid abatement account and requires that the agency may only use the funds for certain purposes, including telemedicine particularly in rural areas, among other items.

Bill Number: [HB 2056](#)

Bill Title: Relating to the practice of dentistry and the provision of teledentistry dental services.

Sponsor: Stephanie Klick

Introduced Date: 02/22/2021

Last Action: Signed by the Governor - (06/16/2021)

CCHP Classification: Regulatory, Licensing and Advisory Boards

Notes:

Defines teledentistry dental services; establishes rules around informed consent and allows the Board of Dentistry to establish additional regulations on teledentistry.

Bill Number: [HB 3853](#)

Bill Title: Relating to middle mile broadband service provided by an electric utility.

Sponsor: Charles Anderson

Introduced Date: 03/11/2021

Last Action: Signed by the Governor - (06/15/2021)

CCHP Classification: Broadband

Notes:

Seeks to expand broadband access for healthcare and other purposes.

Bill Number: [HB 4](#)

Bill Title: Relating to the provision and delivery of certain health care services in this state, including services under Medicaid and other public benefits programs,

Sponsor: Walter T. Price IV

Introduced Date: 02/25/2021

Last Action: Signed by the Governor - (06/15/2021)

CCHP Classification: Medicaid Reimbursement

Notes:

Relates to the provision and delivery of health care services under Medicaid and other public benefits programs using telecommunications or information technology and to reimbursement for some of those services.

Bill Number: [SB 1896](#)

Bill Title: Relating to the provision of health and human services by the Department of Family and Protective Services and the Health and Human Services Commission.

Sponsor: Lois W. Kolkhorst

Introduced Date: 03/12/2021

Last Action: Signed by the Governor - (06/14/2021)

CCHP Classification: Pilot Programs, Studies, Demonstration Projects Miscellaneous

Notes:

Creates a telehealth pilot program to provide mental health and behavioral health care for children placed in a residential treatment center.

Bill Number: [SB 40](#)

Bill Title: Relating to the provision of telehealth services by certain health professionals licensed by the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation.

Sponsor: Judith Pappas Zaffirini

Introduced Date: 11/09/2020

Last Action: Signed by the Governor - (06/03/2021)

CCHP Classification: Regulatory, Licensing and Advisory Boards

Notes:

Establishes practice requirements for the use of telehealth.

Utah

Bill Number: [SB 161](#)

Bill Title: S.B. 161 Mental Health Systems Amendments

Sponsor: Weiler, Todd D.

Introduced Date: 02/03/2021

Last Action: Governor Signed - (03/22/2021)

CCHP Classification: Private Payer Reimbursement

Notes:

Requires a health benefit plan to reimburse for telemedicine services that are covered by Medicare and treatment of mental health condition under certain circumstances. A network provider must be reimbursed at a negotiated commercially reasonable rate.

Bill Number: [SB 170](#)

Bill Title: S.B. 170 Consumer Protection for Cannabis Patients

Sponsor: Luz M. Robles Escamilla

Introduced Date: 02/04/2021

Last Action: Governor Signed - (03/17/2021)

CCHP Classification: Online Prescribing & Provider-Patient Relationship Establishment

Notes:

Allows certain providers to operate as limited medical providers for purposes of recommending cannabis, including the ability to recommend cannabis through Telehealth in limited circumstances.

Bill Number: [HB 337](#)

Bill Title: Child Mental Health Amendments

Sponsor: Steven Eliason

Introduced Date: 02/09/2021

Last Action: Governor Signed - (03/17/2021)

CCHP Classification: Miscellaneous

Notes:

Expands an existing program and fund to be called the Psychiatric and Psychotherapeutic Consultation Program and Accounts and allows the account to be used to implement early childhood psychotherapeutic programs that provide mental health support and interventions through telehealth consultations via electronic or telephonic communications.

Bill Number: [SB 41](#)

Bill Title: S.B. 41 Mental Health Access Amendments

Sponsor: Luz M. Robles Escamilla

Introduced Date: 12/21/2020

Last Action: Governor Signed - (03/02/2021)

CCHP Classification: Private Payer Reimbursement

Notes:

Requires a health benefit plan to reimburse for Telehealth Services for a mental health condition if certain conditions are met.

Virginia

Bill Number: [HB 1987](#)

Bill Title: Telemedicine; coverage of telehealth services by an insurer, etc.

Sponsor: Adams, D.M.

Introduced Date: 01/11/2021

Last Action: Approved by Governor-Chapter 301 (effective 7/1/21) - (03/24/2021)

CCHP Classification: Medicaid Reimbursement Private Payer Reimbursement Regulatory, Licensing and Advisory Boards
Online Prescribing & Provider-Patient Relationship Establishment

Notes:

Requires the Board of Medical Assistance Services to amend the state plan for medical assistance to provide for payment of medical assistance for remote patient monitoring services provided via telemedicine for certain high-risk patients, makes clear that nothing shall preclude health insurance carriers from providing coverage for services delivered through real-time audio-only telephone that are not telemedicine, and clarifies rules around prescribing of Schedule II through VI drugs via telemedicine, including establishing a practitioner-patient relationship via telemedicine.

Bill Number: [SB 1307](#)

Bill Title: School-based health services; Bd. of MAS to amend state plan for services to provide for payment.

Sponsor: Siobhan Stolle Dunnivant

Introduced Date: 01/12/2021

Last Action: Approved by Governor-Chapter 250 (effective 7/1/21) - (03/18/2021)

CCHP Classification: Medicaid Reimbursement Miscellaneous

Notes:

Directs the Board of Medical Assistance Services to amend the state plan for medical assistance services to provide for payment of medical assistance services delivered to Medicaid-eligible students when such services qualify for reimbursement by the Virginia Medicaid program and may be provided by school divisions, regardless of whether the student receiving care has an individualized education program or whether the health care service is included in a student's individualized education program. The bill specifies that such services shall include those covered under the state plan for medical assistance services or by the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment benefit as specified in § 1905(r) of the federal Social Security Act, and shall include a provision for payment of medical assistance for health care services provided through telemedicine services. The bill also requires the Department of Medical Assistance Services to provide technical assistance to the Department of Education and local school divisions to facilitate their understanding of and compliance with federal ordering, referring, and prescribing provider screening and enrollment requirements.

Bill Number: [SB 1189](#)

Bill Title: Occupational therapists; licensure.

Sponsor: Ghazala Firdous Hashmi

Introduced Date: 01/10/2021

Last Action: Approved by Governor-Chapter 242 (effective 1/1/22) - (03/18/2021)

CCHP Classification: Cross-State Licensing

Notes:

Enters Virginia into the Occupational Therapy Interjurisdictional Licensure Compact.

Bill Number: [HB 1988](#)

Bill Title: Cannabis oil; processing and dispensing by pharmaceutical processors.

Sponsor: Adams, D.M.

Introduced Date: 01/11/2021

Last Action: Approved by Governor-Chapter 205 (effective 7/1/21) - (03/18/2021)

CCHP Classification: Regulatory, Licensing and Advisory Boards Online Prescribing & Provider-Patient Relationship Establishment Miscellaneous

Notes:

Clarifies that telemedicine can be used to authorize use of cannabis oil as long as the provider uses real-time interactive audio-visual technology.

Bill Number: [SB 5080](#)

Bill Title: Telemedicine services; originating site.

Sponsor: George Lincoln Barker

Introduced Date: 08/17/2020

Last Action: Reenrolled - (11/09/2020)

CCHP Classification: Medicaid Reimbursement Private Payer Reimbursement

Notes:

Requires coverage for telemedicine regardless of the originating site or whether the patient is accompanied by a health care provider at the time such services are provided. No health care provider who provides health care services through telemedicine services shall be required to use proprietary technology or applications in order to be reimbursed for providing telemedicine services.

Bill Number: [HB 5046](#)

Bill Title: Telemedicine services; originating site.

Sponsor: Dawn M. Adams

Introduced Date: 08/17/2020

Last Action: Enacted, Chapter 44 (effective 11/9/20) - (11/09/2020)

CCHP Classification: Medicaid Reimbursement Private Payer Reimbursement

Notes:

Requires coverage for telemedicine regardless of the originating site or whether the patient is accompanied by a health care provider at the time such services are provided. No health care provider who provides health care services through telemedicine services shall be required to use proprietary technology or applications in order to be reimbursed for providing telemedicine services.

Bill Number: [SB 976](#)

Bill Title: Pharmaceutical processors; operation of cannabis dispensing facilities.

Sponsor: David W. Marsden

Introduced Date: 01/15/2020

Last Action: VOTE: (87-Y 5-N) - (05/01/2020)

CCHP Classification: Regulatory, Licensing and Advisory Boards Online Prescribing & Provider-Patient Relationship Establishment

Notes:

For purposes of certification for use of cannabis oil for treatment, requires a professional to use professional judgement to determine the manner and frequency of patient care and evaluation and permits the use of telemedicine consistent with federal requirements for the prescribing of Schedule II through V controlled substances.

Bill Number: [SB 760](#)

Bill Title: Psychologists; licensure, permitted to practice in Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact.

Sponsor: Robert Creigh Deeds

Introduced Date: 01/08/2020

Last Action: Approved by Governor-Chapter 1162 (effective 1/1/21) - (04/11/2020)

CCHP Classification: Cross-State Licensing

Notes:

Enacts the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact.

Bill Number: [HB 808](#)

Bill Title: Survivors of sexual assault; definitions, every hospital to provide treatment or transfer services.

Sponsor: Karrie K. Delaney

Introduced Date: 01/07/2020

Last Action: Approved by Governor-Chapter 725 (effective - see bill) - (04/06/2020)

CCHP Classification: Miscellaneous

Notes:

Establishes the Task Force on Services for Survivors of Sexual Assault to, among other things, study and provide recommendations to the Department of Forensic Science for the use of telemedicine in meeting the requirements of the article, including services for survivors of sexual assault, services for pediatric survivors of sexual assault, inspections, and training.

Bill Number: [HB 1460](#)

Bill Title: Cannabidiol oil and THC-A oil; certification for use of oil.

Sponsor: Israel D. O'Quinn

Introduced Date: 01/08/2020

Last Action: Approved by Governor-Chapter 730 (effective 7/1/20) - (04/06/2020)

CCHP Classification: Online Prescribing & Provider-Patient Relationship Establishment

Notes:

For purposes of certification for use of cannabis for medical treatment requires that the practitioner shall use his professional judgment to determine the manner and frequency of patient care and evaluation and may employ the use of telemedicine, consistent with federal requirements for the prescribing of Schedule II through V controlled substances.

Bill Number: [HB 1332](#)

Bill Title: Telehealth services; definitions, report.

Sponsor: Terry Gene Kilgore

Introduced Date: 01/08/2020

Last Action: Approved by Governor-Chapter 729 (effective 7/1/20) - (04/06/2020)

CCHP Classification: Medicaid Reimbursement Miscellaneous

Notes:

Requires the Board of Health to develop and maintain a Statewide Telehealth Plan.

Bill Number: [HB 1701](#)

Bill Title: Medical Excellence Zone Program; VDH to determine feasibility of establishment.

Sponsor: Kathy K.L. Tran

Introduced Date: 01/17/2020

Last Action: Approved by Governor-Chapter 368 (effective 7/1/20) - (03/18/2020)

CCHP Classification: Pilot Programs, Studies, Demonstration Projects

Notes:

Requires that the Department of Health to determine the feasibility of establishing a Medical Excellence Zone Program (the Program) to allow citizens of the Commonwealth living in rural underserved areas to receive medical treatment via telemedicine services

Bill Number: [SB 757](#)

Bill Title: Medical Excellence Zone Program; VDH to determine feasibility of establishment.

Sponsor: Barbara A. Favola

Introduced Date: 01/08/2020

Last Action: Approved by Governor-Chapter 236 (effective 7/1/20) - (03/10/2020)

CCHP Classification: Cross-State Licensing Pilot Programs, Studies, Demonstration Projects

Notes:

Establishes the Medical Excellence Zone Program to allow citizens in rural underserved areas to receive medical treatment via telemedicine services and requires the Department of Health Professionals to pursue agreements with contiguous states for licensure for certain primary care practitioners under the Board of Medicine.

Bill Number: [SB 122](#)

Bill Title: Teledentistry; definitions, establishes requirements for practice, digital scans, etc.

Sponsor: George L. Barker

Introduced Date: 12/16/2019

Last Action: Approved by Governor-Chapter 220 (effective 7/1/20) - (03/10/2020)

CCHP Classification: Regulatory, Licensing and Advisory Boards Online Prescribing & Provider-Patient Relationship Establishment

Notes:

Defines teledentistry and establishes criteria for utilizing teledentistry and establishing a bonafide dentist-patient relationship.

Bill Number: [HB 165](#)

Bill Title: Teledentistry; definitions, establishes requirements for practice, digital scans, etc.

Sponsor: Patrick Alan Hope

Introduced Date: 12/23/2019

Last Action: Approved by Governor-Chapter 37 (effective 7/1/20) - (03/02/2020)

CCHP Classification: Regulatory, Licensing and Advisory Boards Online Prescribing & Provider-Patient Relationship Establishment

Notes:

Establishes for teledentistry in the practice of dentistry. It also defines a bonafide dentist-patient relationship can be established through teledentistry.

Vermont

Bill Number: [S 48](#)

Bill Title: An act relating to Vermont's adoption of the interstate Nurse Licensure Compact

Sponsor: Virginia Lyons

Introduced Date: 01/27/2021

Last Action: Signed by Governor on June 7, 2021 - (05/21/2021)

CCHP Classification: Cross-State Licensing

Notes:

Adoption of the Interstate Nurse Licensure Compact.

Bill Number: [H 360](#)

Bill Title: An act relating to accelerated community broadband deployment

Sponsor: House Committee on Energy and Technology

Introduced Date: 02/26/2021

Last Action: House message: Governor approved bill on June 8, 2021 - (05/21/2021)

CCHP Classification: Broadband

Notes:

Seeks to accelerate the development and implementation of universal community broadband solutions by creating the Vermont Community Broadband Authority and various funding programs and allocations.

Bill Number: [H 104](#)

Bill Title: An act relating to considerations in facilitating the interstate practice of health care professionals using telehealth

Sponsor: David K. Durfee

Introduced Date: 01/21/2021

Last Action: House message: Governor approved bill on May 12, 2021 - (05/14/2021)

CCHP Classification:

Notes:

Creates the Facilitation of Interstate Practice Using Telehealth Working Group to compile and evaluate methods for facilitating the practice of providers throughout the U.S. using Telehealth modalities.

Bill Number: [S 117](#)

Bill Title: An act relating to extending health care regulatory flexibility during and after the COVID-19 pandemic and to coverage of health care services delivered by

Sponsor: Senate Committee on Health and Welfare

Introduced Date: 03/10/2021

Last Action: Senate Message, signed by Governor March 29, 2021 - (03/31/2021)

CCHP Classification:

Notes:

Extends many emergency flexibilities, including those related to telehealth and audio-only coverage.

Washington

Bill Number: [SB 5423](#)

Bill Title: Concerning telemedicine consultations.

Sponsor: Ann Rivers

Introduced Date: 02/04/2021

Last Action: Governor signed. - (05/10/2021)

CCHP Classification:

Notes:

Permits consultations through telemedicine by a practitioner, licensed by another state or territory in which he or she resides, with a practitioner licensed in WA who has responsibility for the diagnosis and treatment of the patient within WA.

Bill Number: [HB 1196](#)

Bill Title: Concerning audio-only telemedicine.

Sponsor: Marcus Riccelli

Introduced Date: 01/14/2021

Last Action: Governor signed. - (05/03/2021)

CCHP Classification:

Notes:

Requires health plans reimburse a provider for a health care service provided to a covered person through audio-only telemedicine at the same rate as if the health care service was provided in person by the provider starting in 2023 if there is an established relationship with the provider. See bill for further restrictions.

Bill Number: [HB 1383](#)

Bill Title: Concerning respiratory care practitioners.

Sponsor: Jamila E. Taylor

Introduced Date: 01/26/2021

Last Action: Governor signed. - (04/21/2021)

CCHP Classification:

Notes:

Requires respiratory care practitioners to submit evidence that he or she is qualified to practice, and shall be licensed as provided. The settings for these services may include, health facilities licensed in this state, clinics, home care, home health agencies, physicians' offices, public or community health services, and services provided through telemedicine to patients in these settings.

Bill Number: [SB 5325](#)

Bill Title: Concerning audio-only telemedicine.

Sponsor: Ronald Muzzall

Introduced Date: 01/21/2021

Last Action: Governor signed. - (04/16/2021)

CCHP Classification:

Notes:

Under the requirement for insurers to reimburse for behavioral health telemedicine and store-and-forward services, it removes the specification that it is only required for individuals under eighteen years old.

Bill Number: [HB 1378](#)

Bill Title: Concerning the supervision of medical assistants.

Sponsor: Alex Ybarra

Introduced Date: 01/26/2021

Last Action: Governor signed. - (04/14/2021)

CCHP Classification:

Notes:

Permits supervision during a telemedicine visit, over a medical assistant assisting a health care practitioner with the telemedicine visit to be provided through interactive audio and video telemedicine technology.

Wisconsin

Bill Number: [AB 148](#)

Bill Title: state response to COVID-19 related to health services and practice of health care providers licensed outside of this state.

Sponsor: Nancy Lynn VanderMeer

Introduced Date: 03/05/2021

Last Action: Report approved by the Governor on 3-26-2021. 2021 Wisconsin Act 10 - (03/29/2021)

CCHP Classification:

Notes:

Allows out-of-state providers to deliver services in-state, including via telehealth, in certain instances.

West Virginia

Bill Number: [SB 182](#)

Bill Title: Authorizing miscellaneous agencies and boards to promulgate legislative rules

Sponsor: Sypolt

Introduced Date: 02/11/2021

Last Action: Chapter 174, Acts, Regular Session, 2021 - (05/24/2021)

CCHP Classification: [Regulatory, Licensing and Advisory Boards](#)

Notes:

Authorizes boards to promulgate rules including authorizing the Board of Occupational Therapy to promulgate a legislative rule relating to telehealth practice requirements and definitions.

Bill Number: [HB 2024](#)

Bill Title: Expand use of telemedicine to all medical personnel

Sponsor: Roger Glen Hanshaw

Introduced Date: 02/12/2021

Last Action: Chapter 218, Acts, Regular Session, 2021 - (05/20/2021)

CCHP Classification: [Medicaid Reimbursement](#) [Private Payer Reimbursement](#) [Regulatory, Licensing and Advisory Boards](#) [Cross-State Licensing](#)

Notes:

Requires telehealth payment parity and allows out-of-state providers to deliver services to in-state patients.

Wyoming

Bill Number: [SF 74](#)

Bill Title: Athletic trainer revisions.

Sponsor: Eric S. Barlow

Introduced Date: 01/29/2021

Last Action: Assigned Chapter Number 76 - (04/02/2021)

CCHP Classification: [Regulatory, Licensing and Advisory Boards](#)

Notes:

Broadens definitions under the Wyoming Athletic Trainers Licensing Act to expand athletic trainers' scope of practice and authorizes the provision of Telehealth Services.