

# Northeast Telehealth Resource Center - Oct. 2018

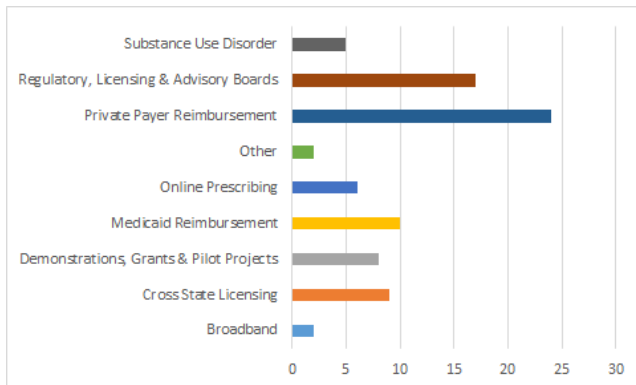
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*The Northeast Telehealth Resource Center covers the states of Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Vermont, New York & New Jersey*

A few notes about this report:

1. Bills are organized into specific telehealth "topic area".
2. The Fiscal Note (FN) Outlook: The left hand column indicates the bill's Pre-Floor Score, and the right hand column indicates the bill's actual Floor Score of the last chamber it was in (either Senate or House).
3. Regulations are listed at the end in order of their publication date.
4. If you would like to learn more about any piece of legislation or regulation, the bill numbers and regulation titles are clickable and link out to additional information.

## Bills by Topic



## Bills by Status



## All Bills (by topic area)

### Broadband (2)

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
NY	<a href="#">A 1958</a>	Referred To Corporations Authorities And Commissions 2018 01 03	Failed sine die	None	None
<b>Title</b> Enacts the omnibus telecommunications reform act of 2017			<b>Bill Summary:</b> Bill states in its “Legislative Findings” that the legislature finds that rural areas in NY lack the multiple telecommunications connections necessary to link outside resources during times of emergency, that broadband networks are necessary to facilitate telemedicine networks that connect rural and urban medical centers and that increased broadband networks and advanced communications services will enhance government operations through telemedicine for healthcare, distance learning for education, redundant and diversely pathed communications networks for public safety communications and to generally protect the health and welfare of the state and its citizens.		
<b>Description</b> Enacts the "omnibus telecommunications reform act of 2017"; reforms the competitive cable service, promotes the wide-spread development of high-capacity broadband internet access, and increases the availability and quality of services in this key economic development area and ensures the safety, reliability and affordability of telecommunications services.					
<b>Primary Sponsors</b> Gary Pretlow					

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
NY	<a href="#">S 2880</a>	Referred To Corporations Authorities And Commissions 2018 01 03	Failed sine die	None	None
<b>Title</b> Enacts the omnibus telecommunications reform act of 2017			<b>Bill Summary:</b> Bill states in its “Legislative Findings” that the legislature finds that rural areas in NY lack the multiple telecommunications connections necessary to link outside resources during times of emergency, that broadband networks are necessary to facilitate telemedicine networks that connect rural and urban medical centers and that increased broadband networks and advanced communications services will enhance government operations through telemedicine for healthcare, distance learning for education, redundant and diversely pathed communications networks for public safety communications and to generally protect the health and welfare of the state and its citizens.		
<b>Description</b> Enacts the "omnibus telecommunications reform act of 2017"; reforms the competitive cable service, promotes the wide-spread development of high-capacity broadband internet access, and increases the availability and quality of services in this key economic development area and ensures the safety, reliability and affordability of telecommunications services.					
<b>Primary Sponsors</b> Kevin Parker					

### Cross-State Licensing (9)

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook	
NJ	<a href="#">A 1583</a>	Introduced Referred To Assembly Health And Senior Services Committee 2018 01 09	In Assembly	None	None	4.2%	81.3%
<b>Title</b> Enters New Jersey in Nurse Multistate Licensure Compact.			<b>Bill Summary:</b> Enters New Jersey into the Multistate Nurse Licensure Compact.				
<b>Primary Sponsors</b> Herb Conaway, Pam Lampitt, Nancy Munoz							

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
NJ	<a href="#">A 1598</a>	Withdrawn From Consideration 2018 10 15	In Assembly	None	None	<div>4.2%79.9%</div>
<b>Title</b> Enters New Jersey in Physical Therapy Licensure Compact.			<b>Bill Summary:</b> Enters New Jersey into the Physical Therapy Licensure Compact.			
<b>Primary Sponsors</b> Herb Conaway, Thomas Giblin						

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
NJ	<a href="#">A 4599</a>	Introduced Referred To Assembly Homeland Security And State Preparedness Committee 2018 10 18	In Assembly	None	None	<div>3.9%82.5%</div>
<b>Title</b> Enters New Jersey into Emergency Medical Services Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact.			<b>Bill Summary:</b> Enters New Jersey into the Emergency Medical Services Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact.			
<b>Primary Sponsors</b> Carol Murphy, Raj Mukherji						

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
NJ	<a href="#">S 954</a>	Referred To Senate Budget And Appropriations Committee 2018 05 21	In Senate	None	None	<div>58.0%84.0%</div>
<b>Title</b> Enters New Jersey in enhanced multistate Nurse Licensure Compact.			<b>Bill Summary:</b> Enters New Jersey into the Multistate Nurse Licensure Compact.			
<b>Primary Sponsors</b> Joe Vitale, Troy Singleton, Fred Madden						

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
NJ	<a href="#">S 1699</a>	Combined With S 954 Scs 2018 05 21	In Senate	None	None	<div>95.1%76.5%</div>
<b>Title</b> Enters New Jersey in Nurse Multistate Licensure Compact.			<b>Bill Summary:</b> Enters New Jersey into the Multistate Nurse Licensure Compact.			
<b>Primary Sponsors</b> Troy Singleton						

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
NY	<a href="#">S 7579</a>	Referred To Higher Education 2018 01 26	Failed sine die	None	None
<b>Title</b> Enacts the interstate medical licensure compact and the nurse licensure compact			<b>Bill Summary:</b> Enacts the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact.		
<b>Description</b> Enacts the interstate medical licensure compact and the nurse licensure compact; enacts compacts related to establishing a streamlined process that allows physicians and nurses to become licensed in multiple member states.					
<b>Primary Sponsors</b> Kemp Hannon					

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
RI	<a href="#">SR 2549</a>	Senate Read And Passed 2018 03 15	Enacted	None	None
<b>Title</b> Senate Resolution Extending The Reporting And Expiration Dates Of The Special Legislative Commission To Examine The Advisability Of Rhode Island Joining The Interstate Medical Licensure Compact (Extends The Reporting And Expiration Dates Of The Special Senate Commission To Examine The Advisability Of Rhode Island Joining The Interstate Medical Licensure Compact, From March 1, 2018, To June 1, 2018, And Would Expire On June 30, 2018.)			<b>Bill Summary:</b> Extends the reporting and expiration dates of the special Senate commission to examine the advisability of joining the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact.		
<b>Primary Sponsors</b> Susan Sosnowski, Joshua Miller					

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
RI	<a href="#">SR 2993</a>	Senate Read And Passed 2018 06 22	Enacted	None	None
<b>Title</b> Senate Resolution Extending The Reporting And Expiration Dates, And Amending The Language Of The Special Legislative Commission To Examine The Advisability Of Rhode Island Joining The Interstate Licensure Compact (Expands The Language, And Extends The Report And Expiration Dates Of Commission Examining The Advisability Of Rhode Island Joining The Interstate Medical Licensure Compact From June 1, 2018, To January 1, 2019, And Expires On January 31, 2019.)			<b>Bill Summary:</b> Extends the reporting and expiration dates of the special legislative commission to examine the Advisability of Rhode Island Joining the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact from June 1, 2018, to January 1, 2019, and said commission would expire on January 31, 2019; expands the purpose and findings of fact for said resolution.		
<b>Primary Sponsors</b> Joshua Miller					

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VT	<a href="#">S 253</a>	Signed By Governor On May 1 2018 2018 05 01	Enacted	None	None
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<b>Title</b> (Act 115) An act relating to Vermont's adoption of the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact			<b>Bill Summary:</b> Adopts the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact.		
<b>Primary Sponsors</b> Claire Ayer					

Demonstrations, Grants & Pilot Projects (8)

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
NJ	<a href="#">S 2560</a>	Introduced In The Senate Referred To Senate Judiciary Committee 2018 05 14	In Senate	None	None	15.9% 71.4%
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<b>Title</b> Concerns diversion from criminal prosecution for persons with mental illness under certain circumstances.			<b>Bill Summary:</b> Requires the Department of Health to develop and implement a pilot program to expand mental health screening services in emergent situations by using mobile response units and telemedicine, among other components of the bill.			
<b>Primary Sponsors</b> Shirley Turner						

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
NY	<a href="#">A 620</a>	Referred To Health 2018 01 03	Failed sine die	None	None
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<b>Title</b> Creates a rural home health flexibility program			<b>Bill Summary:</b> Creates a rural home health flexibility program. The Commissioner can consider for approval proposals from providers operating under this article and serving rural counties to qualify for home telehealth reimbursement (among other items).		
<b>Description</b> Creates a rural home health flexibility program.					
<b>Primary Sponsors</b> Aileen Gunther					

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
NY	<a href="#">A 827</a>	Referred To Health 2018 01 03	Failed sine die	None	None
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<b>Title</b> Provides that demonstration rates of payment for telehealth services by home health agencies, long term home health care and AIDS home care shall be paid equitably			<b>Bill Summary:</b> Provides that demonstration rates of payment for telehealth services by home health agencies, long term home health care and AIDS home care shall be paid to providers in an equitable and direct manner.		
<b>Description</b> Provides that demonstration rates of payment for telehealth services by home health agencies, long term home health care and AIDS home care shall be paid to providers in an equitable and direct manner.					
<b>Primary Sponsors</b> Aileen Gunther					

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
NY	<a href="#">A 1410</a>	Referred To Health 2018 01 03	Failed sine die	None	None
<b>Title</b> Promotes the development, provision and accessibility of telehealth/telemedicine services			<b>Bill Summary:</b> Promotes the development, provision and accessibility of telehealth/telemedicine services in New York state; establishes a telehealth/telemedicine development and research grant fund.		
<b>Description</b> Promotes the development, provision and accessibility of telehealth/telemedicine services in New York state; establishes a telehealth/telemedicine development and research grant fund.					
<b>Primary Sponsors</b> Addie Jenne					
State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
NY	<a href="#">A 8888</a>	Referred To Rules 2018 06 14	Failed sine die	None	None
<b>Title</b> Relates to telepsychiatry			<b>Bill Summary:</b> Amends the Mental Hygiene Law; defines telepsychiatry; directs the Commissioner on Mental Health to conduct a study to consider the incidence of geriatric social isolation, mental health consequences, and their treatment and prevention across the state; requires the study to include an assessment of at risk populations, mental health impacts of social isolation, life stages, and community supports that may be developed; provides for public awareness campaigns.		
<b>Description</b> Relates to telepsychiatry and requires a study, report and recommendations regarding geriatric social isolation.					
<b>Primary Sponsors</b> Aileen Gunther					
State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
NY	<a href="#">A 10408</a>	Referred To Health 2018 04 19	Failed sine die	None	None
<b>Title</b> Establishes the sexual assault forensic examination telemedicine pilot program			<b>Bill Summary:</b> Establishes the sexual assault forensic examination telemedicine pilot program to provide expert, comprehensive, compassionate care to patients and training to support providers in health care facilities that do not have a designated sexual assault forensic examination program.		
<b>Description</b> Establishes the sexual assault forensic examination telemedicine pilot program to provide expert, comprehensive, compassionate care to patients and training to support providers in health care facilities that do not have a designated sexual assault forensic examination program.					
<b>Primary Sponsors</b> Aileen Gunther					

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
NY	<a href="#">S 833</a>	Reported And Committed To Finance 2018 05 22	Failed sine die	None	None
<div> <div> <b>Title</b>  Establishes a task force to conduct a study on the ability to utilize telehealth within the workers' compensation system </div> <div> <b>Bill Summary:</b> Establishes a task force to conduct a study on the ability to utilize telehealth within the workers' compensation system. </div> </div>					
<div> <b>Description</b>  Establishes a task force to conduct a study on the ability to utilize telehealth within the workers' compensation system. </div>					
<div> <b>Primary Sponsors</b>  Cathy Young </div>					

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
NY	<a href="#">S 6947</a>	Committed To Rules 2018 06 20	Failed sine die	None	None
<div> <div> <b>Title</b>  Establishes the sexual assault forensic examination telemedicine pilot program </div> <div> <b>Bill Summary:</b> Establishes the sexual assault forensic examination telemedicine pilot program. </div> </div>					
<div> <b>Description</b>  Establishes the sexual assault forensic examination telemedicine pilot program to provide expert, comprehensive, compassionate care to patients and training to support providers in health care facilities that do not have a designated sexual assault forensic examination program. </div>					
<div> <b>Primary Sponsors</b>  Kemp Hannon </div>					

### Medicaid Reimbursement (10)

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
MA	<a href="#">H 578</a>	Accompanied A New Draft See H 4332 2018 03 26	Failed sine die	None	None
<div> <div> <b>Title</b>  An Act advancing and expanding access to telemedicine services </div> <div> <b>Bill Summary:</b> Among other elements, HB 4617 defines telemedicine and requires private insurers and Medicaid to cover services through the use of telemedicine under certain circumstances. </div> </div>					
<div> <b>Description</b>  By Mr. Scibak of South Hadley, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 578) of John W. Scibak and others relative to advancing and expanding access to telemedicine services. Financial Services. </div>					
<div> <b>Primary Sponsors</b>  John Scibak </div>					

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
MA	<a href="#">H 2174</a>	Accompanied A New Draft See H 4332 2018 03 26	Failed sine die	None	None
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<b>Title</b> An Act expanding access to telemedicine services			<b>Bill Summary:</b> Expands access to telemedicine services.		
<b>Description</b> By Ms. Hogan of Stow, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2174) of Kate Hogan and others relative to access to telemedicine services. Financial Services.					
<b>Primary Sponsors</b> Kate Hogan					

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
MA	<a href="#">H 4605</a>	New Draft Substituted See H 4617 2018 06 19	Failed sine die	None	None
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<b>Title</b> An Act establishing the Honorable Peter V. Kocot Act to enhance access to high quality, affordable and transparent healthcare in the Commonwealth			<b>Bill Summary:</b> Among other elements, the bill defines telemedicine and requires private insurers and Medicaid to cover services through the use of telemedicine under certain circumstances.		
<b>Primary Sponsors</b> Joint Committee on Health Care Financing					

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
MA	<a href="#">S 501</a>	Accompanied A New Draft See S 2471 2018 04 23	Failed sine die	None	None
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<b>Title</b> An Act expanding access to telemedicine services			<b>Bill Summary:</b> Requires coverage of telemedicine delivered services by insurers, including Medicaid.		
<b>Description</b> By Ms. Chandler, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 501) of Harriette L. Chandler, Kay Khan and John W. Scibak for legislation to expand access to telemedicine services. Financial Services.					
<b>Primary Sponsors</b> Harriette Chandler					

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority			
MA	<a href="#">S 549</a>	Accompanied A New Draft See S 2471 2018 04 23	Failed sine die	None	None			
<b>Title</b> An Act advancing and expanding access to telemedicine services			<b>Bill Summary:</b> Requires coverage of telemedicine delivered services by insurers, including Medicaid.					
<b>Description</b> By Mr. Lewis, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 549) of Jason M. Lewis, Chris Walsh, Jennifer E. Benson, John W. Scibak and other members of the General Court for legislation to advance and expand access to telemedicine services. Financial Services.								
<b>Primary Sponsors</b> Jason Lewis								

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority			
MA	<a href="#">S 1095</a>	Accompanied A Study Order See S 2439 2018 04 17	Failed sine die	None	None			
<b>Title</b> An Act relative to behavioral health telemedicine			<b>Bill Summary:</b> Requires insurers, including Medicaid to provide reimbursement for behavioral health services provided via telemedicine.					
<b>Description</b> By Ms. Flanagan, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1095) of Jennifer L. Flanagan, Kimberly N. Ferguson and Kay Khan for legislation relative to behavioral health telemedicine. Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery.								
<b>Primary Sponsors</b> Jen Flanagan								

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority			
MA	<a href="#">S 2471</a>	House Concurred 2018 05 31	Failed sine die	None	None			
<b>Title</b> An Act advancing and expanding access to telemedicine services			<b>Bill Summary:</b> Stipulates that a plan cannot deny coverage solely on the basis that the service was delivered through telemedicine. Medicaid may provide coverage of telemedicine delivered services.					
<b>Description</b> SENATE, Monday, April 23, 2018 - The committee on Financial Services, to whom was referred the petitions (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 501) of Harriette L. Chandler, Kay Khan and John W. Scibak for legislation to expand access to telemedicine services; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 527) of Jennifer L. Flanagan for legislation relative to telemedicine; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 532) of Anne M. Gobi, Barbara A. L'Italien, Tricia Farley-Bouvier and Chris Walsh for legislation relative to the use of interactive audio, video or other electronic media for the purpose of medical diagnosis, consultation or treatment; and (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 549) of Jason M. Lewis, Chris Walsh, Jennifer E. Benson, John W. Scibak and other members of the General Court for legislation to advance and expand access to telemedicine services,- reports the accompanying bill (Senate, No. 2471).								
<b>Primary Sponsors</b> Joint Committee on Financial Services								

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
MA	<a href="#">S 2573</a>	See H 4639 2018 06 21	Failed sine die	None	None
<b>Title</b> Senate, June 21, 2018 – Text of the Senate amendment (Senator Welch) to the House Bill establishing the Honorable Peter V. Kocot Act to enhance access to high quality, affordable and transparent healthcare in the commonwealth (House, No. 4639)			<b>Bill Summary:</b> Requires health plans, including Medicaid, to provide coverage for telemedicine, and cover it to the same extent as if the service was provided in person.		
<b>Primary Sponsors</b> Jim Welch					

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
ME	<a href="#">LD 1000 (HP 701)</a>	In Possession Of The Senate When The Senate Adjourned Sine Die And Placed In The Legislative Files Dead 2018 09 13	Failed	None	None
<b>Title</b> Resolve, To Increase Access to Brain Injury Waiver Services			<b>Bill Summary:</b> The Department of Health and Human Services is directed to explore opportunities to provide additional telehealth services, including care coordination services, provided by both licensed medical personnel and non-licensed personnel.		
<b>Primary Sponsors</b> Rich Malaby					

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
NY	<a href="#">A 9521</a>	Reported Referred To Ways And Means 2018 02 06	Failed sine die	None	None
<b>Title</b> Relates to payment for telehealth services under the medical assistance program; repealer			<b>Bill Summary:</b> Provides for payment for telehealth services under the medical assistance program.		
<b>Description</b> Provides for payment for telehealth services under the medical assistance program.					
<b>Primary Sponsors</b> Dick Gottfried					

Online Prescribing (6)

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
CT	<a href="#">HB 5152</a>	Public Hearing 03 16 2018 03 09	Failed sine die	None	None
<p><b>Title</b></p> <p>AN ACT CONCERNING THE PRESCRIBING OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES USED IN MEDICATION-ASSISTED TREATMENT OF SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS THROUGH THE USE OF TELEHEALTH.</p> <p><b>Description</b></p> <p>To permit the prescribing of controlled substances used in medication-assisted treatment of substance use disorders through the use of telehealth services.</p> <p><b>Primary Sponsors</b></p> <p>Joint Committee on Public Health</p>			<p><b>Bill Summary:</b> Concerns the prescribing of controlled substances used in medication-assisted treatment of substance use disorders through the use of Telehealth.</p>		
State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
CT	<a href="#">HB 5299</a>	Public Hearing 03 16 2018 03 09	Failed sine die	None	None
<p><b>Title</b></p> <p>AN ACT CONCERNING TELEHEALTH PRESCRIBING FOR TREATMENT OF PSYCHIATRIC DISORDERS.</p> <p><b>Description</b></p> <p>To (1) allow Connecticut licensed physicians to prescribe certain medications via telehealth for treatment of psychiatric disorders and change certain patient consent requirements; (2) add telehealth examinations; and (3) implement payment for parity for telehealth services.</p> <p><b>Primary Sponsors</b></p> <p>Joint Committee on Public Health</p>			<p><b>Bill Summary:</b> Concerns telehealth prescribing for treatment of psychiatric disorders; allows state licensed physicians to prescribe certain medications via telehealth for treatment of psychiatric disorders and change certain patient consent requirements; adds telehealth examinations; implements payment for parity for telehealth services.</p>		
State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
CT	<a href="#">SB 302</a>	Signed By The Governor 2018 06 12	Enacted	None	None
<p><b>Title</b></p> <p>AN ACT CONCERNING TELEHEALTH SERVICES.</p> <p><b>Description</b></p> <p>To add providers who can administer telehealth services and to modify and clarify patient consent procedures.</p> <p><b>Primary Sponsors</b></p> <p>Joint Committee on Public Health</p>			<p><b>Bill Summary:</b> Concerns telehealth services; adds providers who can administer telehealth services and to modify and clarify patient consent procedures.</p>		

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	
MA	<a href="#">H 2434</a>	Accompanied A New Draft See H 4605 2018 06 13	Failed sine die	None	None	
<div><div><div>Title</div><div>An Act to facilitate the provision of telehealth services</div></div><div><div>Description</div><div>By Messrs. Brodeur of Melrose and McMurtry of Dedham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2434) of Paul Brodeur, Paul McMurtry and others relative to telehealth services. Public Health.</div></div><div><div>Primary Sponsors</div><div>Paul Brodeur, Paul McMurtry</div></div></div> <div><div><div>Bill Summary:</div><div>Requires health professionals to acquire consent prior to treating patients via telehealth, as well as sets out other requirements for prescribing over telehealth.</div></div></div>						
State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	
MA	<a href="#">S 1244</a>	Accompanied A Study Order See S 2422 2018 04 12	Failed sine die	None	None	
<div><div><div>Title</div><div>An Act facilitating the provision of telehealth services</div></div><div><div>Description</div><div>By Mr. Moore, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1244) of Michael O. Moore, John W. Scibak and Keiko M. Orrall for legislation to facilitate the provision of telehealth services. Public Health.</div></div><div><div>Primary Sponsors</div><div>Mike Moore</div></div></div> <div><div><div>Bill Summary:</div><div>Requires health professionals obtain consent prior to delivering services over telehealth and establishes requirements for prescribing through telehealth.</div></div></div>						
State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	
NJ	<a href="#">A 2036</a>	Withdrawn From Consideration 2018 07 30	In Assembly	None	None	<div><div>FN Outlook</div><div><div>4.1%</div><div>81.3%</div></div></div>
<div><div><div>Title</div><div>Concerns prescribing of certain controlled dangerous substances; requires practitioners to check prescription monitoring information before issuing certain prescriptions to emergency department patients; authorizes medical scribes and athletic trainers to access prescription monitoring information.</div></div><div><div>Primary Sponsors</div><div>Craig Coughlin, Dan Benson, Valerie Vainieri Huttle</div></div></div> <div><div><div>Bill Summary:</div><div>Permits the Division of Consumer Affairs to make prescription monitoring information available on electronic systems that collect and display health information, provided that the division determines the electronic system has appropriate security protections.</div></div></div>						

Other (2)

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
NY	<a href="#">A 1419</a>	Referred To Insurance 2018 01 03	Failed sine die	None	None
<b>Title</b> Requires comprehensive motor vehicle reparations and workers' compensation coverage of health care services delivered by means of telehealth			<b>Bill Summary:</b> Requires comprehensive motor vehicle reparations and workers' compensation coverage of health care services delivered by means of telehealth.		
<b>Description</b> Requires comprehensive motor vehicle reparations and workers' compensation coverage of health care services delivered by means of telehealth.					
<b>Primary Sponsors</b> Addie Jenne					

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
NY	<a href="#">S 3951</a>	Referred To Insurance 2018 01 03	Failed sine die	None	None
<b>Title</b> Requires comprehensive motor vehicle reparations and workers' compensation coverage of health care services delivered by means of telehealth			<b>Bill Summary:</b> Requires comprehensive motor vehicle reparations and workers' compensation coverage of health care services delivered by means of telehealth.		
<b>Description</b> Requires comprehensive motor vehicle reparations and workers' compensation coverage of health care services delivered by means of telehealth.					
<b>Primary Sponsors</b> Cathy Young					

### Private Payer Reimbursement (24)

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
CT	<a href="#">HB 5299</a>	Public Hearing 03 16 2018 03 09	Failed sine die	None	None
<b>Title</b> AN ACT CONCERNING TELEHEALTH PRESCRIBING FOR TREATMENT OF PSYCHIATRIC DISORDERS.			<b>Bill Summary:</b> Concerns telehealth prescribing for treatment of psychiatric disorders; allows state licensed physicians to prescribe certain medications via telehealth for treatment of psychiatric disorders and change certain patient consent requirements; adds telehealth examinations; implements payment for parity for telehealth services.		
<b>Description</b> To (1) allow Connecticut licensed physicians to prescribe certain medications via telehealth for treatment of psychiatric disorders and change certain patient consent requirements; (2) add telehealth examinations; and (3) implement payment for parity for telehealth services.					
<b>Primary Sponsors</b> Joint Committee on Public Health					

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
MA	<a href="#">H 578</a>	Accompanied A New Draft See H 4332 2018 03 26	Failed sine die	None	None
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<b>Title</b> An Act advancing and expanding access to telemedicine services			<b>Bill Summary:</b> Among other elements, HB 4617 defines telemedicine and requires private insurers and Medicaid to cover services through the use of telemedicine under certain circumstances.		
<b>Description</b> By Mr. Scibak of South Hadley, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 578) of John W. Scibak and others relative to advancing and expanding access to telemedicine services. Financial Services.					
<b>Primary Sponsors</b> John Scibak					

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
MA	<a href="#">H 2156</a>	Accompanied A New Draft See H 4332 2018 03 26	Failed sine die	None	None
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<b>Title</b> An Act relative to telemedicine			<b>Bill Summary:</b> Ensures telehealth is utilized to increase access to behavioral health services.		
<b>Description</b> By Ms. Balser of Newton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2156) of Ruth B. Balser and others for legislation to ensure that telehealth services are utilized to increase access to behavioral health services. Financial Services.					
<b>Primary Sponsors</b> Ruth Balser					

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
MA	<a href="#">H 2174</a>	Accompanied A New Draft See H 4332 2018 03 26	Failed sine die	None	None

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Title

An Act expanding access to telemedicine services

Description

By Ms. Hogan of Stow, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2174) of Kate Hogan and others relative to access to telemedicine services. Financial Services.

Primary Sponsors

Kate Hogan

Bill Summary:

Expands access to telemedicine services.

State MA	Bill Number <a href="#">H 2179</a>	Last Action Accompanied A New Draft See H 4332 2018 03 26	Status Failed sine die	Position None	Priority None
<b>Title</b> An Act relative to telemedicine			<b>Bill Summary:</b> Mandates coverage for telemedicine behavioral health services under certain circumstances.		
<b>Description</b> By Ms. Malia of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2179) of Elizabeth A. Malia and others for legislation to mandate coverage for telemedicine behavioral health services under certain circumstances. Financial Services.					
<b>Primary Sponsors</b> Liz Malia					

State MA	Bill Number <a href="#">H 2391</a>	Last Action Accompanied A New Draft See H 4470 2018 05 07	Status Failed sine die	Position None	Priority None
<b>Title</b> An Act to strengthen behavioral health integration			<b>Bill Summary:</b> Relates to behavioral health services integration.		
<b>Description</b> By Mr. Cusack of Braintree, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2391) of Mark J. Cusack relative to behavioral health services integration. Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery.					
<b>Primary Sponsors</b> Mark Cusack					

State MA	Bill Number <a href="#">H 4332</a>	Last Action Accompanied A New Draft See H 4605 2018 06 13	Status Failed sine die	Position None	Priority None
<b>Title</b> An Act Advancing and Expanding Access to Telemedicine Services			<b>Bill Summary:</b> Requires insurers to provide coverage of telemedicine delivered services.		

State MA	Bill Number <a href="#">H 4605</a>	Last Action New Draft Substituted See H 4617 2018 06 19	Status Failed sine die	Position None	Priority None
<b>Title</b> An Act establishing the Honorable Peter V. Kocot Act to enhance access to high quality, affordable and transparent healthcare in the Commonwealth			<b>Bill Summary:</b> Among other elements, the bill defines telemedicine and requires private insurers and Medicaid to cover services through the use of telemedicine under certain circumstances.		
<b>Primary Sponsors</b> Joint Committee on Health Care Financing					

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
MA	<a href="#">H 4617</a>	Published As Amended See H 4639 2018 06 19	Failed sine die	None	None
<div> <div>Title</div> <div>An Act establishing the Honorable Peter V. Kocot Act to enhance access to high quality, affordable and transparent healthcare in the Commonwealth</div> </div> <div> <div>Primary Sponsors</div> <div>House Committee on Ways and Means</div> </div> <div> <div>Bill Summary:</div> <div>Among other elements, HB 4617 defines telemedicine and requires private insurers and Medicaid to cover services through the use of telemedicine under certain circumstances.</div> </div>					

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook	
MA	<a href="#">H 4639</a>	Committee Of Conference Appointed Welch Lewis Tarr In Concurrence 2018 06 25	Passed Senate	None	None	4.9%	0.0%
<div> <div>Title</div> <div>An Act establishing the Honorable Peter V. Kocot Act to enhance access to high quality, affordable and transparent healthcare in the Commonwealth</div> </div> <div> <div>Description</div> <div>House bill No. 4617, as changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading, and as amended and passed to be engrossed by the House. June 19, 2018.</div> </div> <div> <div>Primary Sponsors</div> <div>Jeff Roy</div> </div> <div> <div>Bill Summary:</div> <div>Requires coverage of Commonwealth retired employees to cover health care through the use of telemedicine by a contracted health care provider if the services are covered in person. It also directs the Medical Board to promulgate regulations on the appropriate use of telemedicine, among other elements.</div> </div>							

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
MA	<a href="#">S 501</a>	Accompanied A New Draft See S 2471 2018 04 23	Failed sine die	None	None
<div> <div>Title</div> <div>An Act expanding access to telemedicine services</div> </div> <div> <div>Description</div> <div>By Ms. Chandler, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 501) of Harriette L. Chandler, Kay Khan and John W. Scibak for legislation to expand access to telemedicine services. Financial Services.</div> </div> <div> <div>Primary Sponsors</div> <div>Harriette Chandler</div> </div> <div> <div>Bill Summary:</div> <div>Requires coverage of telemedicine delivered services by insurers, including Medicaid.</div> </div>					

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
MA	<a href="#">S 527</a>	Accompanied A New Draft See S 2471 2018 04 23	Failed sine die	None	None
<b>Title</b> An Act relative to telemedicine			<b>Bill Summary:</b> Requires coverage for telemedicine to be consistent with coverage for health care services provided in-person, although a nonprofit medical service plan may limit coverage to health care providers in an approved telemedicine network.		
<b>Description</b> By Ms. Flanagan, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 527) of Jennifer L. Flanagan for legislation relative to telemedicine. Financial Services.					
<b>Primary Sponsors</b> Jen Flanagan					

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
MA	<a href="#">S 532</a>	Accompanied A New Draft See S 2471 2018 04 23	Failed sine die	None	None
<b>Title</b> An Act relative to full application of telemedicine coverage			<b>Bill Summary:</b> Requires coverage for telemedicine to be consistent with coverage for health care services provided in-person, although insurance plans may limit coverage to health care providers in an approved telemedicine network.		
<b>Description</b> By Ms. Gobi, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 532) of Anne M. Gobi, Barbara A. L'Italien, Tricia Farley-Bouvier and Chris Walsh for legislation relative to the use of interactive audio, video or other electronic media for the purpose of medical diagnosis, consultation or treatment. Financial Services.					
<b>Primary Sponsors</b> Anne Gobi					

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
MA	<a href="#">S 549</a>	Accompanied A New Draft See S 2471 2018 04 23	Failed sine die	None	None
<b>Title</b> An Act advancing and expanding access to telemedicine services			<b>Bill Summary:</b> Requires coverage of telemedicine delivered services by insurers, including Medicaid.		
<b>Description</b> By Mr. Lewis, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 549) of Jason M. Lewis, Chris Walsh, Jennifer E. Benson, John W. Scibak and other members of the General Court for legislation to advance and expand access to telemedicine services. Financial Services.					
<b>Primary Sponsors</b> Jason Lewis					

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
MA	<a href="#">S 1095</a>	Accompanied A Study Order See S 2439 2018 04 17	Failed sine die	None	None
<div> <div> <b>Title</b>  An Act relative to behavioral health telemedicine </div> <div> <b>Description</b>  By Ms. Flanagan, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1095) of Jennifer L. Flanagan, Kimberly N. Ferguson and Kay Khan for legislation relative to behavioral health telemedicine. Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery. </div> <div> <b>Primary Sponsors</b>  Jen Flanagan </div> </div> <div> <b>Bill Summary:</b> Requires insurers, including Medicaid to provide reimbursement for behavioral health services provided via telemedicine. </div>					

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
MA	<a href="#">S 2471</a>	House Concurred 2018 05 31	Failed sine die	None	None
<div> <div> <b>Title</b>  An Act advancing and expanding access to telemedicine services </div> <div> <b>Description</b>  SENATE, Monday, April 23, 2018 - The committee on Financial Services, to whom was referred the petitions (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 501) of Harriette L. Chandler, Kay Khan and John W. Scibak for legislation to expand access to telemedicine services; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 527) of Jennifer L. Flanagan for legislation relative to telemedicine; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 532) of Anne M. Gobi, Barbara A. L'Italien, Tricia Farley-Bouvier and Chris Walsh for legislation relative to the use of interactive audio, video or other electronic media for the purpose of medical diagnosis, consultation or treatment; and (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 549) of Jason M. Lewis, Chris Walsh, Jennifer E. Benson, John W. Scibak and other members of the General Court for legislation to advance and expand access to telemedicine services,- reports the accompanying bill (Senate, No. 2471). </div> <div> <b>Primary Sponsors</b>  Joint Committee on Financial Services </div> </div> <div> <b>Bill Summary:</b> Stipulates that a plan cannot deny coverage solely on the basis that the service was delivered through telemedicine. Medicaid may provide coverage of telemedicine delivered services. </div>					

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
MA	<a href="#">S 2573</a>	See H 4639 2018 06 21	Failed sine die	None	None
<div> <div> <b>Title</b>  Senate, June 21, 2018 – Text of the Senate amendment (Senator Welch) to the House Bill establishing the Honorable Peter V. Kocot Act to enhance access to high quality, affordable and transparent healthcare in the commonwealth (House, No. 4639) </div> <div> <b>Primary Sponsors</b>  Jim Welch </div> </div> <div> <b>Bill Summary:</b> Requires health plans, including Medicaid, to provide coverage for telemedicine, and cover it to the same extent as if the service was provided in person. </div>					

State NH	Bill Number HB 1471	Last Action Signed By Governor Sununu 06 18 2018 Chapter 267 I Sections 1 3 Eff 8 17 2018 li Rem Eff 6 18 2018 2018 06 20	Status Enacted	Position None	Priority None
<b>Title</b> (New Title) relative to telemedicine and establishing a committee to study health care reimbursement for telemedicine and telehealth.			<b>Bill Summary:</b> This bill clarifies the law relating to telemedicine services.		
<b>Primary Sponsors</b> Vincent Migliore					

State NY	Bill Number A 1419	Last Action Referred To Insurance 2018 01 03	Status Failed sine die	Position None	Priority None
<b>Title</b> Requires comprehensive motor vehicle reparations and workers' compensation coverage of health care services delivered by means of telehealth			<b>Bill Summary:</b> Requires comprehensive motor vehicle reparations and workers' compensation coverage of health care services delivered by means of telehealth.		
<b>Description</b> Requires comprehensive motor vehicle reparations and workers' compensation coverage of health care services delivered by means of telehealth.					
<b>Primary Sponsors</b> Addie Jenne					

State NY	Bill Number A 1421	Last Action Print Number 1421 B 2018 02 26	Status Failed sine die	Position None	Priority None
<b>Title</b> Relates to rates of reimbursement for telehealth services					
<b>Description</b> Relates to rates of reimbursement for telehealth services; requires insurers to reimburse telehealth providers at the same rate as they would if the services had been provided in person.					
<b>Primary Sponsors</b> Addie Jenne					

State NY	Bill Number A 1535	Last Action Referred To Health 2018 01 03	Status Failed sine die	Position None	Priority None
<b>Title</b> Provides for the delivery and insurance coverage of telehealth services by means of home care services			<b>Bill Summary:</b> Provides for the delivery and insurance coverage of telehealth services by means of home care services.		
<b>Description</b> Provides for the delivery and insurance coverage of telehealth services by means of home care services.					
<b>Primary Sponsors</b> Addie Jenne					

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
NY	<a href="#">S 834</a>	Print Number 834 A 2018 01 26	Failed sine die	None	None
<b>Title</b> Relates to rates of reimbursement for telehealth services			<b>Bill Summary:</b> Relates to rates of reimbursement for telehealth services; requires insurers to reimburse telehealth providers at the same rate as they would if the services had been provided in person.		
<b>Description</b> Relates to rates of reimbursement for telehealth services; requires insurers to reimburse telehealth providers at the same rate as they would if the services had been provided in person.					
<b>Primary Sponsors</b> Cathy Young					
State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
NY	<a href="#">S 3937</a>	Referred To Health 2018 01 03	Failed sine die	None	None
<b>Title</b> Provides for the delivery and insurance coverage of telehealth services by means of home care services			<b>Bill Summary:</b> Provides for the delivery and insurance coverage of telehealth services by means of home care services.		
<b>Description</b> Provides for the delivery and insurance coverage of telehealth services by means of home care services.					
<b>Primary Sponsors</b> Cathy Young					
State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
NY	<a href="#">S 3951</a>	Referred To Insurance 2018 01 03	Failed sine die	None	None
<b>Title</b> Requires comprehensive motor vehicle reparations and workers' compensation coverage of health care services delivered by means of telehealth			<b>Bill Summary:</b> Requires comprehensive motor vehicle reparations and workers' compensation coverage of health care services delivered by means of telehealth.		
<b>Description</b> Requires comprehensive motor vehicle reparations and workers' compensation coverage of health care services delivered by means of telehealth.					
<b>Primary Sponsors</b> Cathy Young					

## Regulatory, Licensing & Advisory Boards (17)

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
CT	<a href="#">HB 5299</a>	Public Hearing 03 16 2018 03 09	Failed sine die	None	None
<p><b>Title</b> AN ACT CONCERNING TELEHEALTH PRESCRIBING FOR TREATMENT OF PSYCHIATRIC DISORDERS.</p> <p><b>Description</b> To (1) allow Connecticut licensed physicians to prescribe certain medications via telehealth for treatment of psychiatric disorders and change certain patient consent requirements; (2) add telehealth examinations; and (3) implement payment for parity for telehealth services.</p> <p><b>Primary Sponsors</b> Joint Committee on Public Health</p>			<p><b>Bill Summary:</b> Concerns telehealth prescribing for treatment of psychiatric disorders; allows state licensed physicians to prescribe certain medications via telehealth for treatment of psychiatric disorders and change certain patient consent requirements; adds telehealth examinations; implements payment for parity for telehealth services.</p>		
State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
CT	<a href="#">SB 302</a>	Signed By The Governor 2018 06 12	Enacted	None	None
<p><b>Title</b> AN ACT CONCERNING TELEHEALTH SERVICES.</p> <p><b>Description</b> To add providers who can administer telehealth services and to modify and clarify patient consent procedures.</p> <p><b>Primary Sponsors</b> Joint Committee on Public Health</p>			<p><b>Bill Summary:</b> Concerns telehealth services; adds providers who can administer telehealth services and to modify and clarify patient consent procedures.</p>		
State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
MA	<a href="#">H 578</a>	Accompanied A New Draft See H 4332 2018 03 26	Failed sine die	None	None
<p><b>Title</b> An Act advancing and expanding access to telemedicine services</p> <p><b>Description</b> By Mr. Scibak of South Hadley, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 578) of John W. Scibak and others relative to advancing and expanding access to telemedicine services. Financial Services.</p> <p><b>Primary Sponsors</b> John Scibak</p>			<p><b>Bill Summary:</b> Among other elements, HB 4617 defines telemedicine and requires private insurers and Medicaid to cover services through the use of telemedicine under certain circumstances.</p>		

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	
MA	<a href="#">H 2443</a>	Accompanied A Study Order See H 4625 2018 06 18	Failed sine die	None	None	
<b>Title</b> An Act to promote timely physician licensure and credentialing			<b>Bill Summary:</b> Allows for credentialing and privileging by proxy for telemedicine services under certain circumstances.			
<b>Description</b> By Mr. Cusack of Braintree, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2443) of Mark J. Cusack and Marjorie C. Decker relative to promoting timely physician licensure and credentialing. Public Health.						
<b>Primary Sponsors</b> Mark Cusack						
State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	
MA	<a href="#">H 4605</a>	New Draft Substituted See H 4617 2018 06 19	Failed sine die	None	None	
<b>Title</b> An Act establishing the Honorable Peter V. Kocot Act to enhance access to high quality, affordable and transparent healthcare in the Commonwealth			<b>Bill Summary:</b> Among other elements, the bill defines telemedicine and requires private insurers and Medicaid to cover services through the use of telemedicine under certain circumstances.			
<b>Primary Sponsors</b> Joint Committee on Health Care Financing						
State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	
MA	<a href="#">H 4617</a>	Published As Amended See H 4639 2018 06 19	Failed sine die	None	None	
<b>Title</b> An Act establishing the Honorable Peter V. Kocot Act to enhance access to high quality, affordable and transparent healthcare in the Commonwealth			<b>Bill Summary:</b> Among other elements, HB 4617 defines telemedicine and requires private insurers and Medicaid to cover services through the use of telemedicine under certain circumstances.			
<b>Primary Sponsors</b> House Committee on Ways and Means						
State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	
MA	<a href="#">H 4639</a>	Committee Of Conference Appointed Welch Lewis Tarr In Concurrence 2018 06 25	Passed Senate	None	None	<div><div>FN Outlook</div><div>4.9%0.0%</div></div>
<b>Title</b> An Act establishing the Honorable Peter V. Kocot Act to enhance access to high quality, affordable and transparent healthcare in the Commonwealth			<b>Bill Summary:</b> Requires coverage of Commonwealth retired employees to cover health care through the use of telemedicine by a contracted health care provider if the services are covered in person. It also directs the Medical Board to promulgate regulations on the appropriate use of telemedicine, among other elements.			
<b>Description</b> House bill No. 4617, as changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading, and as amended and passed to be engrossed by the House. June 19, 2018.						
<b>Primary Sponsors</b> Jeff Roy						

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
MA	<a href="#">H 4742</a>	Signed By The Governor Chapter 208 Of The Acts Of 2018 2018 08 09	Enacted	None	None
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<b>Title</b> An Act for prevention and access to appropriate care and treatment of addiction			<b>Bill Summary:</b> This bill's purpose is for the prevention and access to appropriate care and treatment of addiction. Among other items it would create a commission on community-based behavioral health promotion and prevention. It would also direct the executive office of health and human services to develop and implement a statewide program to provide remote consultations.		
<b>Description</b> House bill No. 4725, as changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading, and as amended and passed to be engrossed by the House. July 11, 2018.					
<b>Primary Sponsors</b> Jeff Sanchez					

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
MA	<a href="#">S 549</a>	Accompanied A New Draft See S 2471 2018 04 23	Failed sine die	None	None
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<b>Title</b> An Act advancing and expanding access to telemedicine services			<b>Bill Summary:</b> Requires coverage of telemedicine delivered services by insurers, including Medicaid.		
<b>Description</b> By Mr. Lewis, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 549) of Jason M. Lewis, Chris Walsh, Jennifer E. Benson, John W. Scibak and other members of the General Court for legislation to advance and expand access to telemedicine services. Financial Services.					
<b>Primary Sponsors</b> Jason Lewis					

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
MA	<a href="#">S 1244</a>	Accompanied A Study Order See S 2422 2018 04 12	Failed sine die	None	None
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<b>Title</b> An Act facilitating the provision of telehealth services			<b>Bill Summary:</b> Requires health professionals obtain consent prior to delivering services over telehealth and establishes requirements for prescribing through telehealth.		
<b>Description</b> By Mr. Moore, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1244) of Michael O. Moore, John W. Scibak and Keiko M. Orrall for legislation to facilitate the provision of telehealth services. Public Health.					
<b>Primary Sponsors</b> Mike Moore					

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
MA	<a href="#">S 2573</a>	See H 4639 2018 06 21	Failed sine die	None	None
<b>Title</b> Senate, June 21, 2018 – Text of the Senate amendment (Senator Welch) to the House Bill establishing the Honorable Peter V. Kocot Act to enhance access to high quality, affordable and transparent healthcare in the commonwealth (House, No. 4639)			<b>Bill Summary:</b> Requires health plans, including Medicaid, to provide coverage for telemedicine, and cover it to the same extent as if the service was provided in person.		
<b>Primary Sponsors</b> Jim Welch					

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
MA	<a href="#">S 2609</a>	See H 4742 2018 07 19	Failed sine die	None	None
<b>Title</b> SENATE, July 17, 2018 - The committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred the House for prevention and access to appropriate care and treatment of addiction (House, No. 4742); reports, recommending that the same ought to pass with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text of Senate document numbered 2609.			<b>Bill Summary:</b> Requires the executive office of health and human services to develop and implement a statewide program to provide persons over the age of 17 experiencing chronic pain remote consultations with primary care practices, nurse practitioners and other health care providers. It also sets up a Substance Use Prevention, Education and Screening Trust Fund Advisory Commission. Defines "behavioral health counseling" as being delivered in person or remotely via telemedicine.		
<b>Primary Sponsors</b> Senate Committee on Ways and Means					

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
MA	<a href="#">S 2623</a>	See H 4742 2018 07 19	Failed sine die	None	None

Title

An Act for prevention and access to appropriate care and treatment of addiction

Description

Senate July 19, 2018, – Text of the Senate amendment to the House Bill for prevention and access to appropriate care and treatment of addiction (House, No. 4742) (being the text of Senate document numbered 2609, printed as amended)

Bill Summary

This bill would provide for the prevention and access to appropriate care and treatment of addiction. Among other items, it requires the executive office of health and human services to develop and implement a statewide program to provide remote consultations not less than five days a week to primary care practices, nurse practitioners and other providers who are providing care for persons experiencing chronic pain. The definition of "Behavioral health counseling" includes professionally administered interventions delivered in person or remotely via telemedicine.

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
NY	<a href="#">A 1026</a>	Referred To Education 2018 01 03	Failed sine die	None	None
<b>Title</b> Relates to the power of certain school boards of education to provide or enter into contracts for the provision of health care services for the school community			<b>Bill Summary:</b> Relates to the power of certain school boards of education to provide or enter into contract for the provision of health care services for the school community; requires the school district to receive a subsidy or reimbursement in the same manner that a county would receive for providing those health care services. Allows telemedicine to be used as a method of delivery.		
<b>Description</b> Relates to the power of certain school boards of education to provide or enter into contract for the provision of health care services for the school community; requires the school district to receive a subsidy or reimbursement in the same manner that a county would receive for providing those health care services.					
<b>Primary Sponsors</b> David Gantt					

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
NY	<b>A 9507</b>	<b>Substitute S 7507 Action Signed Chap 57 2018 04 12</b>	<b>Enacted</b>	<b>None</b>	<b>None</b>

#### Title

Enacts into law major components of legislation necessary to implement the state health and mental hygiene budget for the 2018-2019 state fiscal year

#### Description

Enacts into law major components of legislation necessary to implement the state health and mental hygiene budget for the 2018-2019 state fiscal year; relates to distributions from the general hospital indigent care pool; directs a review of the feasibility of creating a burn center in Kings county; and relates to rates of reimbursement for certain residential health care facilities (Part A); relates to payments to residential health care facilities; relates to assisted living program providers licensed in the state; relates to limitations on licensed home care service agency contracts and registration of licensed home care services agencies; relates to advertising by fiscal intermediaries; and relates to medicaid reimbursement rates for hospice providers (Part B); relates to health homes and penalties for managed care providers (Part C); relates to drug coverage, updating the professional dispensing fee, copayments, and amends the Medicaid drug cap (Part D); requires a report on monies collected under the false claims act detailing what monies were collected and how such monies were spent (Part J); relates to home care services, direct care costs, and medicaid expenditures; and extends the medicaid global cap (Part K); relates to extending provisions relating to coverage for malpractice and professional medical conduct (Part M); establishes a cost of living adjustment for designated human services and provides for the repeal of certain provisions of law relating thereto (Part N); relates to the health care facility transformation program (Part Q); relates to integrated services (Subpart B); relates to telehealth services (Subpart C) (Part S); relates to the effectiveness of provisions of law relating to authorizing the commissioner of health to apply federally established consumer price index penalties for generic drugs, and authorizing the commissioner of health to impose penalties on managed care plans for reporting late or incorrect encounter data; relates to the effectiveness of provisions of law relating to adjustments of rates; relates to the effectiveness of provisions of law relating to authorizing reimbursements for expenditures made by or on behalf of social services districts for medical assistance for needy persons and administration thereof; relates to the effectiveness of provisions relating to expanding medical assistance eligibility and the scope of services available to certain persons with disabilities; relates to rate of payments; relates to agreements with pharmaceutical manufacturers; relates to amending the social services law and other laws relating to supplemental rebates; and relates to participation and membership in a demonstration period (Part T); clarifies the authority of the commissioners in the department of mental hy... (click bill link to see more).

**Bill Summary:** Creates the healthcare facility transformation program which would foster participation in value based payment models intended to (among other components) improve health information technology infrastructure, including telehealth, to strengthen the acute, post-acute and long term care continuum. Also it amends the definition of an originating site to make it subject to regulation by the Commissioner of Mental Health, Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services and Office of People with Developmental Disabilities.

#### Primary Sponsors

Joint 2016 General Budget Conference Committee

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
NY	<a href="#">S 7173</a>	Reported And Committed To Finance 2018 05 31	Failed sine die	None	None
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<b>Title</b> Relates to telepsychiatry			<b>Bill Summary:</b> Amends the Mental Hygiene Law; establishes criteria relating to how the Office of Mental Health handles telepsychiatry; establishes rules for the use of telepsychiatry.		
<b>Description</b> Relates to telepsychiatry and requires a study, report and recommendations regarding geriatric social isolation.					
<b>Primary Sponsors</b> Sue Serino					

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
NY	<a href="#">S 7507</a>	Signed Chap 57 2018 04 12	Enacted	None	None

#### Title

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#### Description

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#### Primary Sponsors

Joint 2016 General Budget Conference Committee

**Bill Summary:** Creates the healthcare facility transformation program which would foster participation in value based payment models intended to (among other components) improve health information technology infrastructure, including telehealth, to strengthen the acute, post-acute and long term care continuum. Also it amends the definition of an originating site to make it subject to regulation by the Commissioner of Mental Health, Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services and Office of People with Developmental Disabilities.

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
CT	<a href="#">HB 5152</a>	Public Hearing 03 16 2018 03 09	Failed sine die	None	None
<b>Title</b> AN ACT CONCERNING THE PRESCRIBING OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES USED IN MEDICATION-ASSISTED TREATMENT OF SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS THROUGH THE USE OF TELEHEALTH.			<b>Bill Summary:</b> Concerns the prescribing of controlled substances used in medication-assisted treatment of substance use disorders through the use of Telehealth.		
<b>Description</b> To permit the prescribing of controlled substances used in medication-assisted treatment of substance use disorders through the use of telehealth services.					
<b>Primary Sponsors</b> Joint Committee on Public Health					

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
MA	<a href="#">H 1130</a>	Accompanied A Study Order See H 4625 2018 06 18	Failed sine die	None	None
<b>Title</b> An Act relative to studying the benefits of single tablet regimen			<b>Bill Summary:</b> Allows telemedicine providers to provide substance use disorder treatment.		
<b>Description</b> By Mr. Cahill of Lynn, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1130) of Daniel Cahill relative to conducting a study regarding the benefits and costs of single tablet regimens or long acting alternative regimens for the treatment of HIV. Public Health.					
<b>Primary Sponsors</b> Dan Cahill					

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
MA	<a href="#">H 4742</a>	Signed By The Governor Chapter 208 Of The Acts Of 2018 2018 08 09	Enacted	None	None
<b>Title</b> An Act for prevention and access to appropriate care and treatment of addiction			<b>Bill Summary:</b> This bill's purpose is for the prevention and access to appropriate care and treatment of addiction. Among other items it would create a commission on community-based behavioral health promotion and prevention. It would also direct the executive office of health and human services to develop and implement a statewide program to provide remote consultations.		
<b>Description</b> House bill No. 4725, as changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading, and as amended and passed to be engrossed by the House. July 11, 2018.					
<b>Primary Sponsors</b> Jeff Sanchez					

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
MA	<a href="#">S 2609</a>	See H 4742 2018 07 19	Failed sine die	None	None
<b>Title</b> SENATE, July 17, 2018 - The committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred the House for prevention and access to appropriate care and treatment of addiction (House, No. 4742); reports, recommending that the same ought to pass with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text of Senate document numbered 2609.  <b>Primary Sponsors</b> Senate Committee on Ways and Means			<b>Bill Summary:</b> Requires the executive office of health and human services to develop and implement a statewide program to provide persons over the age of 17 experiencing chronic pain remote consultations with primary care practices, nurse practitioners and other health care providers. It also sets up a Substance Use Prevention, Education and Screening Trust Fund Advisory Commission. Defines "behavioral health counseling" as being delivered in person or remotely via telemedicine.		

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
MA	<a href="#">S 2623</a>	See H 4742 2018 07 19	Failed sine die	None	None
<b>Title</b> An Act for prevention and access to appropriate care and treatment of addiction  <b>Description</b> Senate July 19, 2018, – Text of the Senate amendment to the House Bill for prevention and access to appropriate care and treatment of addiction (House, No. 4742) (being the text of Senate document numbered 2609, printed as amended)			<b>Bill Summary:</b> This bill would provide for the prevention and access to appropriate care and treatment of addiction. Among other items, it requires the executive office of health and human services to develop and implement a statewide program to provide remote consultations not less than five days a week to primary care practices, nurse practitioners and other providers who are providing care for persons experiencing chronic pain. The definition of "Behavioral health counseling" includes professionally administered interventions delivered in person or remotely via telemedicine.		

# NETRC Regulation Tracking

Oct 31, 2018

#	State	Reference Number	Status	Type	Initial Publication Date	Document Count
1	ME		Proposed Rule	Regular	Sep 26, 2018	1
<b>Issues:</b> Medicaid Reimbursement						
<b>Labels:</b>						
<b>Title:</b> <a href="#">Ch. 101, MaineCare Benefits Manual (MBM): Ch. II &amp; III Section 40, Home Health Services</a>						
<b>Agencies:</b> Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Office of MaineCare Services(OMS) - Division of Policy (ME)						
<b>Custom Summary:</b> Sets forth rules relating to the increase of some reimbursement rates for Home Health Services. It includes new codes and reimbursement for Interactive Telehealth Services and Telemonitoring Services.						

2	NY	PDD-32-18-00003	Proposed Rule	Regular	Aug 08, 2018	1
<b>Issues:</b> Other, Medicaid Reimbursement						
<b>Labels:</b>						
<b>Title:</b> <a href="#">Telehealth</a>						
<b>Agencies:</b> Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (NY)						
<b>Description:</b> To authorize telehealth as a new modality for the delivery of clinical services.						
<b>Custom Summary:</b> This combined emergency rulemaking authorizes telehealth as a new modality for the delivery of clinical services under the Office for People with Disabilities.						

3	RI	10189	Proposed Rule	Regular	Aug 06, 2018	1
<b>Issues:</b> Medicaid Reimbursement, Medicare Reimbursement						
<b>Labels:</b>						
<b>Title:</b> <a href="#">Medicaid Managed Care Service Delivery Arrangements 210-RICR-40-10-1</a>						
<b>Agencies:</b> Executive Office of Health and Human Services (RI)						
<b>Custom Summary:</b> Specifies that telemedicine is covered for participants in the Medicare-Medicaid Program.						

4	VT	18P030	Proposed Rule	Regular	Jul 04, 2018	1
<b>Issues:</b> Medicaid Reimbursement						
<b>Labels:</b>						
<b>Title:</b> <a href="#">Telehealth.</a>						
<b>Agencies:</b> Agency of Human Services (VT)						
<b>Description:</b> The proposed rule sets forth the criteria for Medicaid coverage and reimbursement for Telehealth, including telemedicine, store and forward, and telemonitoring, under Vermont's Medicaid program. It is a new rule to be adopted as part of the sequential adoption of Health Care Administrative Rules designed to improve public accessibility and comprehension of the numerous rules concerning the operation of Vermont's Medicaid program.						

<b>Custom Summary:</b>	Sets forth the criteria for Medicaid coverage and reimbursement for telehealth; includes telemedicine, store and forward, and telemonitoring, under the state's Medicaid program.
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5	VT	18P035	Proposed Rule	Regular	Jul 04, 2018	1
<b>Issues:</b> Medicaid Reimbursement						
<b>Labels:</b>						
<b>Title:</b> <a href="#">Telemonitoring.</a>						
<b>Agencies:</b> Agency of Human Services (VT)						
<b>Description:</b> This proposed rulemaking is to repeal the Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA) Rule 7702 titled "Telemonitoring" in its entirety. At the same time as filing this rulemaking, the Agency of Human Services (AHS) is filing a proposed rule titled "Telehealth " (3.101) which will set forth the criteria for telehealth, including telemonitoring, under Vermont's Medicaid program.						
<b>Custom Summary:</b> Repeals the State Department of Health Access' rule titled telemonitoring in its entirety.						

6	ME		Final Rule	Regular	Apr 11, 2018	1
<b>Issues:</b> Medicaid Reimbursement						
<b>Labels:</b>						
<b>Title:</b> <a href="#">Ch. 101, MaineCare Benefits Manual (MBM): Ch. I Section 4, Telehealth Services</a>						
<b>Agencies:</b> Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Office of MaineCare Services (OMS Division of Policy (ME)						
<b>Description:</b> The Department is adopting the following changes to Ch. I Section 4, "Telehealth Services". First, in Section 4.07-2, Paragraph B(5), the Department formally changed the provision in order to allow Telehealth Services to be included in the scope of practice of a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC), Rural Health Clinic (RHC), or Indian Health Center (IHC), as approved by Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) and the State. These facilities will now be able to... [Abridged]						
<b>Custom Summary:</b> Allows telehealth services to be included in the scope of practice of a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC), Rural Health Clinic (RHC), or Indian Health Center (IHC), as approved by Health Resources and Services Administration and the State.						

7	NH	2018-50	Final Rule	Regular	Mar 19, 2018	2
<b>Issues:</b> Network Adequacy						
<b>Labels:</b>						
<b>Title:</b> <a href="#">Health and Dental Benefit Plan Network Adequacy.</a>						
<b>Agencies:</b> Insurance Department (NH)						
<b>Description:</b> This is a proposed re-adoption with amendments of los 2701, currently titled "Network Adequacy", which establishes standards for determining whether an insurance carrier's provider network is sufficient to ensure covered persons have access to health care without unreasonable delay. The amendments specify services and add dental benefits to the services provided; remove definitions of obsolete terms; add definitions to bring the rules up-to-date; set forth standards for determining... [Abridged]						
<b>Custom Summary:</b> Allows telemedicine or telehealth to be used to satisfy the network adequacy geographic access requirements when an acceptable standard of care can be met by the provider offering the service.						

#	State	Reference Number	Status	Type	Initial Publication Date	Document Count
8	NY	ASA-44-17-00001	Final Rule	Regular	Nov 01, 2017	2
<b>Issues:</b> Substance Use Disorder						
<b>Labels:</b>						
<b>Title:</b> <a href="#">Repeal Part 14 NYCRR Part 830 (Acupuncture) and Add New Part 830 (Designated Services; Acupuncture and Telepractice)</a>						
<b>Agencies:</b> Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (NY)						
<b>Description:</b> Substance of final rule (Full text is posted at the following State website: <a href="https://www.oasas.ny.gov/regs/index.cfm">https://www.oasas.ny.gov/regs/index.cfm</a> ): The Proposed Rule repeals Part 830 and adds certain provisions of that Part to a new Part 830 (Designated Services) which includes new provisions for "telepractice," an optional technological means of delivering medical assessment, medication assisted treatment and monitoring from a practitioner located at a remote site from the certified program where the patient... [Abridged]						
<b>Custom Summary:</b> The proposal (among other components) adds a new optional service of Telepractice which certified providers with adequate technology may choose to implement.						

9	NJ	49N.J.R.2675(a)	Final Rule	Regular	Aug 21, 2017	2
<b>Issues:</b> Regulatory, Licensing & Advisory Boards						
<b>Labels:</b>						
<b>Title:</b> <a href="#">New Jersey - 8/21/2017 - DIVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES</a>						
<b>Agencies:</b> DIVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES (NJ)						
<b>Custom Summary:</b> Concerns rules and regulations regarding screening and screening outreach programs. Contains section on telepsychiatry.						

10	ME		Final Rule	Regular	Jun 14, 2017	2
<b>Issues:</b> Cross-State Licensing						
<b>Labels:</b>						
<b>Title:</b> <a href="#">Ch. 1, Rule Regarding Physicians</a>						
<b>Agencies:</b> Board of Licensure in Medicine (affiliated with the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation PFR) (ME), Board of Licensure in Medicine (affiliated with 02 Department of Professional and Financial Regulation PFR) (ME)						
<b>Description:</b> In this rulemaking the Board of Licensure in Medicine adopted a rule relating to the licensure, registration and regulation of physicians.						
<b>Custom Summary:</b> Repeals and replaces rule that establishes medical licensure requirements. Establishes the Interstate Telemedicine Consultation Registration, and places limits on physicians under this registration. It also provides a definition for telemedicine.						

11	MA	104 CMR 27	Final Rule	Regular	May 20, 2016	3
<b>Issues:</b> Regulatory, Licensing & Advisory Boards						
<b>Labels:</b>						
<b>Title:</b> <a href="#">Massachusetts - 5/20/2016 - Mental Health, Department of</a>						
<b>Agencies:</b> Mental Health, Department of (MA)						
<b>Description:</b> The regulation is amended to create and enforce updated provisions of licensure of inpatient psychiatric facilities to better meet the needs of the Commonwealth;; particularly for underserved specialty populations and waiting in emergency rooms for placement;; and that such facilities have plans to assure adequate staffing to meet the needs of their current operating capacity. Also, to update specific language to be consistent with DPH's licensing regulations;; to be consistent... [Abridged]						
<b>Custom Summary:</b> Permits supervision within inpatient psychiatric facilities to be conducted through telemedicine or other technology after business hours and during weekends and holidays.						