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Key Takeaways from our 2020 Annual Meeting

- The California Telehealth Policy Coalition and other stakeholders acted swiftly in 2020 to work to remove barriers to access to telehealth and provide expert guidance to providers, patients and other constituencies less familiar with telehealth.

- An increasing number of Californians are receiving services via telehealth and have high levels of satisfaction with telehealth.

- Work remains to make sure that telehealth access for patients and providers continues to expand into 2021.

- Coalition members and other stakeholders reached broad consensus on priorities for 2021.
2020 Annual Meeting Attendees

- Over 300 registered, 185 individual attendees and 148 organizations represented
- 26 Advocacy and or Research Non-Profits
- 9 Alternative service providers
- 12 Consulting/Lobbying Groups
- 12 Governmental Organizations
- 10 Health Plans

- 10 Health Technology Companies/Vendors
- 18 Health Systems
- 4 Law Firms
- 7 Research organizations
- 6 Research Hospitals
- 18 Trade organizations
Annual Meeting Evaluation Feedback

• Average 4.5/5 rating for “Did the 2020 Coalition Annual Meeting meet your expectations?”

• Responses to "What was the most important thing you learned at the meeting?"
  • “Information related to the digital divide and how organizations were addressing it.”
  • “Value based payment execution with telemedicine, and the digital divide that occurs across the state and country.”
  • “We’ve got the coalition and the information/data to drive the urgency at the state level of the dire need to expand access to virtual care while also tying this issue to equity.”

• Other responses
  • “Suggest implementing more ways in which individuals and organizations can rally behind the Coalition.”
  • “The topics were timely and the meeting moved quickly.”
Coalition Priorities for 2021

- Make temporary coverage expansions permanent and expand access to new modalities
- Build the evidence base for telehealth in California
- Bridge the digital divide and addressing health equity
- Advance state leadership on telehealth and health IT

Member feedback on top priorities at the Annual Meeting (n=53)

- 32 support making temporary coverage expansions permanent and expanding access to new modalities
- 27 support bridging the digital divide and addressing health equity
- 19 support building the evidence base for telehealth in CA
- 8 support advancing state leadership on telehealth and health IT
Legislative Calendar 2021 and Workplan

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<td>Support members in introducing legislation that supports our priorities (e.g. payment parity for Medi-Cal Managed care, remote patient monitoring coverage for medical and commercial plans, and continued FQHC/RHC coverage for telehealth)</td>
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<td>Reach out to bill authors and provide support and input for revisions</td>
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What activities does your organization want to help us pursue in the new year? How can we collaborate?
## California Legislative Developments

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Legislative Developments

AB 14 Communications: broadband services: California Advanced Services Fund (Aguiar-Curry et al.)

- Authorizes local educational agencies (LEA) to report to CDE student needs for computing devices and internet connectivity
  - Requires CDE and the Cal. Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to compile this information and post it on the CDE website
- Authorizes county boards of supervisors to “acquire, construct, improve, maintain or operate” broadband internet access service, and if BOS do so, to require them to take certain actions regarding the accessing of content by end users
- Requires Governor’s Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz) to develop recommendations and a model for streamlined land use approval and construction permitting for broadband infrastructure projects
- Requires CPUC to prioritize projects in “unserved areas” (no broadband provider offers at least 25mbps/3mbps service) for CASF infrastructure funding, with a goal of achieving 100 mbps downstream
  - Once 98% of a region reaches broadband access goal of 100 mbps, CPUC must prioritize only middle-mile infrastructure
  - Authorizes CPUC to leverage CASF funds to be used for federal match
- Requires the CASF program to promote learning and telehealth

Recommended Next Step: have Broadband Committee review bill, invite bill author’s office onto our next Legislation Committee call
Legislative Developments

**AB 32 Telehealth (Aguiar-Curry)**

- Removes the time-related language for payment and coverage parity for health care service plans and health insurers
- Specifies that plan/insurer delegates must comply with payment and coverage parity
- Removes the Medi-Cal Managed Care exception for parity
- Specifies that counties contracting with DHCS are subject to parity provision
- Requires that DHCS indefinitely continue telehealth flexibilities in place during Covid-19
- Requires DHCS to convene an advisory group by January 2022 to provide input to DHCS on a revised telehealth policy for Medi-Cal
- Requires DHCS to complete an evaluation of access, outcomes, utilization and best practices for the correct mix of in-person and telehealth services by December 2024, with a report due to the Legislature no late than July 1, 2025

**Recommended Next Step: Invite bill author to next Legislation Committee call**
Legislative Developments

SB 4 Communications: California Advanced Services Fund (Gonzalez)

- Requires CPUC to prioritize CASF projects in unserved areas where connectivity is available at 10 mbps/1 mbps with a goal of at least 100 mbps downstream
- Authorizes CSF funds to be used to match or leverage federal funds for infrastructure and adoption
- Requires CPUC to conduct fiscal and performance audits of CASF biennially and provide a report to the Legislature annually on unserved areas, status of CASF balance and projected finances, both in perpetuity

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Recent Developments

- Little Hoover Commission releases issue brief on California’s Digital Divide
  - California rated 13th in the nation on broadband, based on coverage, speed and pricing
  - Some regions have had successful efforts to promote broadband (e.g., Santa Monica and South Bay Cities Council of Governments efforts to bring fiber to government and residential users)
Next Steps

- Discuss the Governor’s January budget proposal
- Review and score legislation already introduced
- Discuss any legislation that needs to be introduced
Appendix
Subgroup Administration

- **Meeting Cadence:** Monthly through the end of 2020
- **Membership:** Open to all Coalition members
- **Staff Contacts:**
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Priority 1: Make temporary coverage expansions permanent and expand access to new modalities

Example work:

- Support payment parity for Medi-Cal Managed Care
- Support remote patient monitoring coverage for Medi-Cal and commercial plans
- Support continued FQHC/RHC coverage for telehealth
- Work with members to highlight patient stories on webinars, other materials aimed at policymakers and consumers
Priority 2: Build the evidence base for telehealth in California

Example work:

- Showcase research on monthly calls
- Develop a telehealth data clearinghouse on our website and leverage members’ data dashboards
- Release annual report for DHCS and the state legislature - align publication date with Fall Briefing
- Host Capitol Briefing in Fall 2021 (third annual)
- Host and co-host educational webinars. Key Topics: Equity, Telehealth & Triple Aim, RPM, broadband policy/Lifeline program, interoperability
Priority 3: Bridge the digital divide and addressing health equity

Example work:

- Promote heightened standards for broadband access and consumer subsidies for smartphones and internet access
- Demonstrate and build evidence base on the efficacy and quality of telephonic visits
- Track and highlight distribution of internet access/telehealth across communities (i.e., geographies, communities of color, the disabled community, older adults, teens and young adults)
- Identify resources for additional telehealth adoption including grants and technical assistance
Priority 4: Advance state leadership on telehealth and health IT

Example work:

- Advocate for state coordination on telehealth and related IT issues (i.e., telehealth integrations, public health reporting, health information exchange)
- Track regulatory requirements and required updates
- Conduct outreach to state agencies on telehealth policy in 2021
- Emphasize the need for modernization of telehealth and data sharing through state policy initiatives (i.e., CalAIM, Managed Care procurement)