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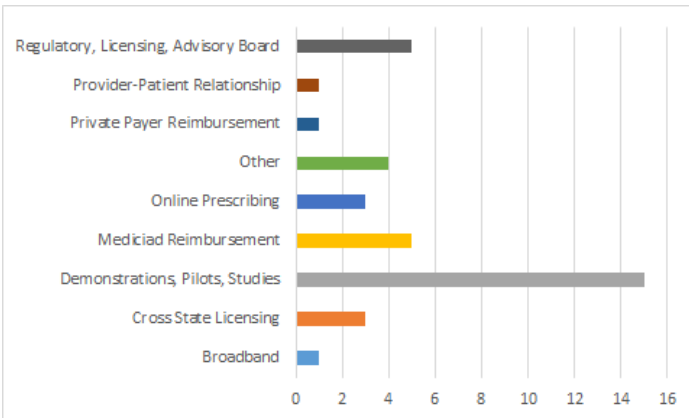
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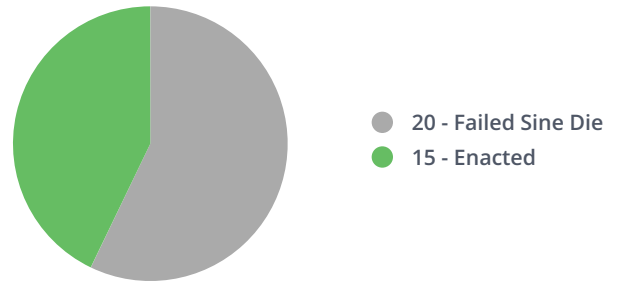
A few notes about this report:

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

Broadband (1)

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
TX	SB 1206	Left Pending In Committee 2019 04 16	Failed sine die

Title
Relating to the creation of the governor's broadband council.

Primary Sponsors
Charles Perry

Bill Summary: Establishes the Governor's Broadband Council to research the development of broadband, identify barriers to broadband access, and analyze how statewide access to broadband would benefit the delivery of health care services through telemedicine and telehealth.

Cross-State Licensing (3)

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
TX	HB 1501	Effective On 9 1 19 2019 06 10	Enacted

Title
Relating to the creation of the Texas Behavioral Health Executive Council and to the continuation and transfer of the regulation of psychologists, marriage and family therapists, professional counselors, and social workers to the Texas Behavioral Health Executive Council; providing civil and administrative penalties; authorizing a fee.

Bill Summary: Enters Texas into the Interjurisdictional Psychology Compact.

Primary Sponsors
Poncho Nevarez, Robert Nichols

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
TX	HB 4455	Effective On 9 1 19 2019 06 14	Enacted

Title
Relating to the provision of mental health services through a telemedicine medical service or telehealth service.

Bill Summary: Permits the delivery of mental health services within the scope of a professional's license via telemedicine or telehealth to a patient who is located outside of Texas.

Primary Sponsors
Rick Miller, Donna Campbell

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
TX	SB 611	Referred To Health Human Services 2019 02 21	Failed sine die

Title
Relating to the creation of the Texas Behavioral Health Executive Council and to the continuation and transfer of the regulation of psychologists, marriage and family therapists, professional counselors, and social workers to the Texas Behavioral Health Executive Council; providing civil and administrative penalties; authorizing a fee.

Bill Summary: Enacts the Interjurisdictional Psychology Compact.

Primary Sponsors
Robert Nichols, Brian Birdwell, Dawn Buckingham, Bob Hall, Kirk Watson

Demonstrations, Grants & Pilot Projects (15)

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
TX	HB 1	Effective On 9 1 19 2019 06 15	Enacted

Title
General Appropriations Bill.

Bill Summary: Appropriations bill that allocates funds for telemedicine in the Texas Child Health Access Through Telehealth Initiative, provides multigategorical teaching hospital support based on criteria including telemedicine encounters, and additional funding for school safety which includes funding for the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center for The Telemedicine Wellness Intervention Triage and Referral (TWITR) Project.

Primary Sponsors
John Zerwas, Jane Nelson

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
TX	HB 8	Effective On 9 1 19 2019 06 04	Enacted

Title

Relating to the criminal statute of limitations for certain sex offenses and the collection, analysis, and preservation of evidence of sexual assault and other sex offenses.

Primary Sponsors

Victoria Neave, Donna Howard, Ina Minjarez, Angie Button, Mike Lang, Jane Nelson

Bill Summary: Establishes the Statewide Telehealth Center for Sexual Assault Forensic Medical Examination which would be permitted to facilitate provisions by a sexual assault nurse examiner via telecommunications for training or technical assistance, forensic medical examination, and consultation services.

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
TX	HB 10	Placed On Intent Calendar 2019 05 22	Failed sine die

Title

Relating to the creation of the Texas Mental and Behavioral Health Research Institute.

Primary Sponsors

Senfronia Thompson, Greg Bonnen, Garnet Coleman, Dade Phelan, Joe Moody, Lois Kolkhorst

Bill Summary: Establishes the Mental and Behavioral Health Research Institute, which would be required to establish a mental health, behavioral health and substance use disorder research program. The program would be required to conduct substance use disorder research related to identifying addiction recovery methods that use new substance use disorder treatment strategies or telemedicine medical services, among other duties.

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
TX	HB 12	Received From The House 2019 05 07	Failed sine die

Title

Relating to early childhood intervention and rehabilitative and habilitative services.

Primary Sponsors

Sarah Davis, Sam Harless, Four Price, John Zerwas, Bobby Guerra

Bill Summary: Establishes the Tele-Connective Pilot Program to provide early childhood intervention services to eligible children through telehealth and telemedicine medical services using access points established in schools and in school districts.

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
TX	HB 1295	Referred To Human Services 2019 02 27	Failed sine die

Title

Relating to early childhood intervention and rehabilitative and habilitative services.

Primary Sponsors

Sarah Davis

Bill Summary: Requires the Commission to develop and implement a pilot program to provide early childhood intervention services to eligible children through telehealth and telemedicine using access points established in school districts selected to participate in the program.

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
TX	HB 1448	Referred To Public Health 2019 02 27	Failed sine die

Title

Relating to the creation of the Texas Mental Health Care Consortium.

Primary Sponsors

John Zerwas, Four Price, Angie Button, Steve Allison, Garnet Coleman

Bill Summary: Establishes the Texas Mental Health Care Consortium, which among other tasks, would facilitate access to mental health care services through telemedicine and other cost-effective, evidence-based programs.

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
TX	HB 1782	Referred To Health Human Services 2019 05 13	Failed sine die

Title

Relating to a plan to increase the use of telemedicine medical services, telehealth services, and interprofessional Internet consultations in this state.

Primary Sponsors

Phil Cortez, Ryan Guillen, Art Fierro

Bill Summary: Requires the development of an action plan to expand telemedicine and telehealth services. The plan would expand the use of an increase access to telemedicine and telehealth services, increase access to critical medical care and health care services to residents of medically underserved areas, among other requirements.

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
TX	HB 3285	Effective On 9 1 19 2019 06 14	Enacted

Title

Relating to programs and initiatives to prevent and respond to opioid addiction, misuse, abuse, and overdose and identify and treat co-occurring substance use disorders and mental illness.

Primary Sponsors

J.D. Sheffield, John Zerwas, Four Price, Joe Moody, Stephanie Klick, Joan Huffman

Bill Summary: Creates research initiatives and programs to respond to opioid addiction, misuse, abuse, and overdose. Requires the executive commissioner to establish a program to increase opportunities and expand access to telehealth treatment for substance use disorders.

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
TX	HB 4533	Effective On 9 1 19 2019 06 14	Enacted

Title

Relating to the administration and operation of Medicaid, including Medicaid managed care and the delivery of Medicaid acute care services and long-term services and supports to certain persons.

Primary Sponsors

Stephanie Klick, Richard Raymond, Lois Kolkhorst

Bill Summary: Amends the pilot program for testing person-centered managed care strategies and improvements based on capitation. Includes that the pilot program must be designed to, among other things, promote the use of innovative technologies and benefits, including telemedicine, telemonitoring, and the testing of remote patient monitoring.

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
TX	HB 4561	Referred To Human Services 2019 03 26	Failed sine die

Title

Relating to the system redesign for delivery of Medicaid acute care services and long term services and supports to persons with an intellectual or developmental disability and a pilot for certain populations with similar functional needs receiving services in managed care.

Bill Summary: Establishes a pilot program to test person-centered managed care strategies and improvements based on capitation. Among other requirements, the pilot program must be designed to promote the use of innovative technology and benefits, including telemonitoring and testing of remote monitoring.

Primary Sponsors

Stephanie Klick, Richard Raymond

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
TX	SB 10	Returned To Committee 2019 05 21	Failed sine die

Title

Relating to the creation of the Texas Mental Health Care Consortium.

Bill Summary: Establishes the Texas Mental Health Consortium to, among other items, facilitate access to mental health services through telemedicine and other cost-effective, evidence-based programs.

Primary Sponsors

Jane Nelson, Carol Alvarado, Paul Bettencourt, Brian Birdwell, Dawn Buckingham, Donna Campbell, Brandon Creighton, Pat Fallon, Pete Flores, Bob Hall, Kelly Hancock, Chuy Hinojosa, Joan Huffman, Bryan Hughes, Nathan Johnson, Lois Kolkhorst, Eddie Lucio, Jose Menendez, Borris Miles, Robert Nichols, Angela Paxton, Charles Perry, Beverly Powell, Jose Rodriguez, Charles Schwertner, Kel Seliger, Larry Taylor, Kirk Watson, Royce West, John Whitmire, Judith Zaffirini, John Zerwas, Four Price, Angie Button, Steve Allison, Garnet Coleman

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
TX	SB 11	Effective Immediately 2019 06 06	Enacted

Title

Relating to policies, procedures, and measures for school safety and mental health promotion in public schools and the creation of the Texas Child Mental Health Care Consortium.

Bill Summary: Establishes the Child Psychiatry Access Network and Telemedicine and Telehealth Programs. The network would provide consultation services and training opportunities for pediatricians and primary care providers and establish or expand telemedicine or telehealth programs for identifying and assessing behavioral health needs of at-risk children and adolescents.

Primary Sponsors

Larry Taylor, Greg Bonnen, Dan Huberty, Will Metcalf, Shawn Thierry, Four Price

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
TX	SB 63	Referred To Health Human Services 2019 03 07	Failed sine die

Title

Relating to the creation of the Texas Mental Health Care Consortium.

Primary Sponsors

Jane Nelson, Paul Bettencourt, Brian Birdwell, Dawn Buckingham, Donna Campbell, Brandon Creighton, Pat Fallon, Pete Flores, Bob Hall, Chuy Hinojosa, Joan Huffman, Bryan Hughes, Lois Kolkhorst, Eddie Lucio, Jose Menendez, Borris Miles, Angela Paxton, Charles Perry, Jose Rodriguez, Charles Schwertner, Kel Seliger, Larry Taylor, Kirk Watson, John Whitmire, Judith Zaffirini

Bill Summary: Establishes the Texas Mental Health Care Consortium, that would (among other duties) facilitate access to mental health services through telemedicine and other cost-effective, evidence based programs.

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
TX	SB 2225	Referred To Health Human Services 2019 03 21	Failed sine die

Title

Relating to early childhood intervention and rehabilitative and habilitative services.

Primary Sponsors

Judith Zaffirini

Bill Summary: Establishes the Tele-Connective Pilot Program to provide early childhood intervention services to eligible children through the provision of telehealth and telemedicine medical services delivered using access points established in schools and in school districts selected to participate in the program.

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
TX	SB 2301	Referred To Health Human Services 2019 03 21	Failed sine die

Title

Relating to the maternal peer support pilot program for perinatal mood disorder.

Primary Sponsors

Beverly Powell

Bill Summary: Establishes a pilot program for the treatment of perinatal mood disorder. While establishing the pilot, the commission must develop a strategy for peer support specialists participating in the pilot program to provide peer support services through telemedicine or telehealth services.

Medicaid Reimbursement (5)

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
TX	HB 870	Committee Report Sent To Calendars 2019 04 22	Failed sine die

Title

Relating to Medicaid telemedicine and telehealth services.

Primary Sponsors

Four Price, Ryan Guillen, J.D. Sheffield, Trent Ashby, Mary Gonzalez

Bill Summary: Prohibits Medicaid managed care plans from denying coverage solely because a covered service did not take place in-person.

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
TX	HB 1063	Effective On 9 1 19 2019 06 14	Enacted

Title
Relating to telemedicine medical, telehealth, and home telemonitoring services under Medicaid.

Bill Summary: Requires that home telemonitoring services be made available through the Medicaid program to pediatric persons having been diagnosed with end-stage solid organ disease, received an organ transplant, or requiring mechanical ventilation.

Primary Sponsors
Four Price, J.D. Sheffield, Toni Rose, Trent Ashby, Mary Gonzalez, Dawn Buckingham

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
TX	HB 1111	Not Again Placed On Intent Calendar 2019 05 22	Failed sine die

Title
Relating to maternal and newborn health care.

Bill Summary: Requires the Commission to conduct a study on the benefits and costs of permitting reimbursement under Medicaid for prenatal and postpartum care delivered through telemedicine medical services and telehealth services.

Primary Sponsors
Sarah Davis, Drew Springer, Bobby Guerra, Senfronia Thompson, Chris Turner, Lois Kolkhorst

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
TX	HB 1738	Left Pending In Committee 2019 03 20	Failed sine die

Title
Relating to telehealth and home telemonitoring services, including the provision of those services under Medicaid.

Bill Summary: Stipulates that the RPM program under Medicaid may provide home telemonitoring services to a pediatric patient with chronic or complex medical needs under certain circumstances. It also establishes enhanced Medicaid reimbursement rates and requires a study concerning home telemonitoring and telehealth services fraud.

Primary Sponsors
Ryan Guillen, Richard Raymond, J.M. Lozano

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
TX	SB 670	Effective On 9 1 19 2019 06 14	Enacted

Title
Relating to telemedicine and telehealth services.

Bill Summary: Requires reimbursement of telemedicine and telehealth services by Medicaid managed care plans.

Primary Sponsors
Dawn Buckingham, Four Price, Ryan Guillen, J.D. Sheffield, Trent Ashby, Mary Gonzalez

Online Prescribing (3)

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
TX	HB 1756	Referred Directly To Subcommittee By Chair 2019 03 13	Failed sine die

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

Primary Sponsors
Drew Springer

Bill Summary: Provides a definition for teledentistry and establishes rules around consent, when controlled substances can be prescribed, and allows the Dental Board to promulgate additional regulations.

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
TX	SB 792	Co Author Authorized 2019 05 16	Failed sine die

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

Primary Sponsors
Charles Perry

Bill Summary: Adds a definition for teledentistry, establishes standards for forming a practitioner-patient relationship for teledentistry and allows the Dental Board to create additional regulations.

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
TX	SB 1666	Referred To Health Human Services 2019 03 14	Failed sine die

Title
Relating to the provision of pharmacy services through a telepharmacy system.

Primary Sponsors
Dawn Buckingham

Bill Summary: Expands the types of health care facilities at which a telepharmacy system may be located to include, Federally Qualified Health Centers, ambulatory surgical centers, birthing centers, community health centers, hospitals, outpatient clinics, and public health clinics.

Other (4)

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
TX	HB 601	Effective On 9 1 19 2019 06 14	Enacted

Title
Relating to criminal or juvenile procedures and reporting requirements regarding persons who are or may be persons with a mental illness or an intellectual disability.

Primary Sponsors
Four Price, Nicole Collier, Andrew Murr, Joe Moody, James White, Judith Zaffirini

Bill Summary: Permits that an interview during juvenile procedures to collect information regarding persons who are or may be persons with a mental illness or intellectual disability may be conducted via telemedicine.

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
TX	HB 871	Effective On 9 1 19 2019 05 28	Enacted

Title
Relating to use of telemedicine medical service by certain trauma facilities.

Bill Summary: Establishes requirements for meeting the criteria to be a trauma facility utilizing telemedicine medical services.

Primary Sponsors
Four Price, Ryan Guillen, J.D. Sheffield, Trent Ashby, Mary Gonzalez, Charles Perry

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
TX	HB 1960	Effective Immediately 2019 05 25	Enacted

Title
Relating to the creation of the governor's broadband development council.

Bill Summary: Creates the Governor's Broadband Council to research broadband development, identify barriers to broadband access, and analyze how statewide access to broadband would benefit specific areas including the delivery of health care services through telehealth.

Primary Sponsors
Four Price, Doc Anderson, John Cyrier, Mary Gonzalez, Charles Perry

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
TX	SB 749	Effective Immediately 2019 06 10	Enacted

Title
Relating to level of care designations for hospitals that provide neonatal and maternal care.

Bill Summary: Provides a definition for telemedicine medical service and requires rules adopted under Section 241.183 must allow the use of telemedicine medical services by a physician providing on-call services to satisfy certain requirements identified by the executive commissioner in the rules for a Level I, II, or III level of care designation, among other requirements.

Primary Sponsors
Lois Kolkhorst, Four Price

Private Payer Reimbursement (1)

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
TX	HB 3345	Effective On 9 1 19 2019 06 14	Enacted

Title
Relating to health benefit coverage provided by certain health benefit plans for telemedicine medical services and telehealth services.

Bill Summary: Requires a health benefit plan to provide coverage for a covered health care service or procedure as a telemedicine or telehealth service on the same basis and to the same extent that the plan provides coverage for the service or procedure in an in-person setting. The plan may not limit, deny, or reduce coverage for a covered health care service or procedure delivered via telemedicine or telehealth services based on the health professional's choice of platform for delivering the service or procedure. The plan may not charge a separate deductible or impose an annual or lifetime maximum on coverage that applies only to a covered health care service or procedure delivered via telemedicine or telehealth services.

Primary Sponsors
Four Price, Eddie Lucio, Dennis Paul, Ryan Guillen, Stan Lambert, Bryan Hughes

Provider-Patient Relationship (1)

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
TX	SB 792	Co Author Authorized 2019 05 16	Failed sine die

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

Primary Sponsors
Charles Perry

Bill Summary: Adds a definition for teledentistry, establishes standards for forming a practitioner-patient relationship for teledentistry and allows the Dental Board to create additional regulations.

Regulatory, Licensing & Advisory Boards (5)

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
TX	HB 1756	Referred Directly To Subcommittee By Chair 2019 03 13	Failed sine die

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

Primary Sponsors
Drew Springer

Bill Summary: Provides a definition for teledentistry and establishes rules around consent, when controlled substances can be prescribed, and allows the Dental Board to promulgate additional regulations.

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
TX	HB 3269	Referred To Public Health 2019 03 13	Failed sine die

Title
Relating to level of care designations for hospitals that provide neonatal and maternal care.

Primary Sponsors
Four Price

Bill Summary: Restricts the executive commissioner from excluding or prohibiting the use of telehealth services or telemedicine medical services by a physician providing on-call services at a hospital located in a rural area.

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
TX	SB 71	Effective On 9 1 19 2019 06 04	Enacted

Title
Relating to the establishment of a statewide telehealth center for sexual assault forensic medical examination.

Primary Sponsors
Jane Nelson, Senfronia Thompson

Bill Summary: Establishes the statewide telehealth center for sexual assault forensic medical examination to expand access to sexual assault nurse examiners for underserved populations.

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
TX	SB 792	Co Author Authorized 2019 05 16	Failed sine die

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

Primary Sponsors
Charles Perry

Bill Summary: Adds a definition for teledentistry, establishes standards for forming a practitioner-patient relationship for teledentistry and allows the Dental Board to create additional regulations.

State

TX

Bill Number

[SB 1657](#)

Last Action

Referred To Health Human Services 2019 03 14

Status

Failed sine die

Title

Relating to level of care designations for rural hospitals that provide maternal care.

Primary Sponsors

Donna Campbell

Bill Summary: Requires rural hospitals to have available at all times for consultation, either in person or via telemedicine, a family medicine physician, an obstetrics and gynecology physician, or a maternal fetal medicine physician.

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Total State Regs Exported : 16

#	State	Ref #	Status	Type	Intro Date	Document Count
1	TX	37 TAC 273.2	Proposed Rule	Regular	Sep 20, 2019	1
Issues		Other				
Labels						
Title		37 TAC 273.2 TITLE 37. PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONS PART 9. TEXAS COMMISSION ON JAIL STANDARDS CHAPTER 273. HEALTH SERVICES				
Agency		TEXAS COMMISSION ON JAIL STANDARDS (TX)				
Description						
Regulation Summary		The proposed rule will expand an existing regulation, which currently requires that jails must give prisoners 24/7 access to mental health services at the jail or via telemental health. This rule will require jails to use all reasonable efforts to arrange for the inmate to have access to a mental health professional within a reasonable time when a mental health professional is not at the county jail at the time.				

#	State	Ref #	Status	Type	Intro Date	Document Count
2	TX	22 TAC 573.68	Proposed Rule	Regular	Aug 16, 2019	1
Issues		Regulatory, Licensing & Advisory Boards				
Labels						
Title		22 TAC 573.68 TITLE 22. EXAMINING BOARDS PART 24. TEXAS BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS CHAPTER 573. RULES OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT SUBCHAPTER G. OTHER PROVISIONS				
Agency		TEXAS BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS (TX)				
Description						
Regulation Summary		Establishes telemedicine practice standards for a person providing veterinarian telemedicine.				

#	State	Ref #	Status	Type	Intro Date	Document Count
3	LA		Proposed Rule	Regular	Apr 20, 2019	1
Issues		Online Prescribing				
Labels						
Title		Physician Practice: Marijuana for Therapeutic Use by Patients Suffering From a Debilitating Medical Condition				
Agency		Department of Health Board of Medical Examiners (LA)				
Description						
Regulation Summary		Permits consultations for the recommendation of therapeutic marijuana for patients with a diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder to be conducted in-person, via telephone, via telemedicine, or via email.				

#	State	Ref #	Status	Type	Intro Date	Document Count
4	LA		Proposed Rule	Regular	Apr 20, 2019	1
Issues		Other				
Labels						
Title		Physician Practice; Telemedicine				
Agency		Department of Health and Hospitals Board of Medical Examiners (LA)				
Description						
Regulation Summary		Notifies intent to remove the words "in this state" for consistency with the law and so that the rule does not inadvertently prevent physicians from prescribing medication or other health care services to their patients who may be vacationing in or temporarily outside of Louisiana.				

#	State	Ref #	Status	Type	Intro Date	Document Count
5	LA		Final Rule	Regular	Dec 20, 2018	2
Issues		Regulatory, Licensing & Advisory Boards				
Labels						
Title		Telehealth				
Agency		Department of Health Professional Counselors Board of Examiners (LA)				
Description						
Regulation Summary		Creates teletherapy guidelines for licensed Professional Counselors.				

#	State	Ref #	Status	Type	Intro Date	Document Count
6	LA		Proposed Rule	Regular	Dec 20, 2018	1
Issues		Medicaid Reimbursement				
Labels						
Title		Telemedicine Claim Submissions				
Agency		Department of Health Bureau of Health Services Financing (LA)				
Description						
Regulation Summary		Amends requirements for claims submission to require that Medicaid covered services provided via an interactive audio and video telecommunication system shall be identified on claim submissions by appending the HIPAA of 1996 compliance place of service or modifier to the appropriate procedure code, in line with current policy.				

#	State	Ref #	Status	Type	Intro Date	Document Count
7	LA		Final Rule	Regular	Oct 20, 2018	2
Issues		Cross-State Licensing				
Labels						
Title		Nurse Licensure Compact				
Agency		Department of Health Bureau of Health Services Financing (LA)				
Description						
Regulation Summary		Proposes regulations around adopting the Nurse Licensure Compact which was approved by the LA legislature by Act 577 in 2018.				

#	State	Ref #	Status	Type	Intro Date	Document Count
8	TX	1 TAC 353.1302 - 353.1304	Final Rule	Regular	Oct 12, 2018	2
Issues		Other				
Labels						
Title		1 TAC 353.1302 - 353.1304 TITLE 1. ADMINISTRATION PART 15. TEXAS HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION CHAPTER 353. MEDICAID MANAGED CARE SUBCHAPTER O. DELIVERY SYSTEM AND PROVIDER PAYMENT INITIATIVES				
Agency		TEXAS HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION (TX)				
Description						
Regulation Summary		Clarifies that a nursing facility can use telehealth services to meet some or all of the RN staffing metrics, under certain circumstances. See regulation text for standards.				

#	State	Ref #	Status	Type	Intro Date	Document Count
9	LA		Final Rule	Regular	Sep 20, 2018	2
Issues Regulatory, Licensing & Advisory Boards						
Labels						
Title Rural Health Clinics Reimbursement Methodology Mammography Separate Payments						
Agency Department of Health Bureau of Health Services Financing (LA)						
Description						
Regulation Summary Adopts practice standards for telehealth in physical therapy.						

#	State	Ref #	Status	Type	Intro Date	Document Count
10	TX	22 TAC 217.24	Final Rule	Regular	Sep 14, 2018	2
Issues Online Prescribing, Regulatory, Licensing & Advisory Boards						
Labels						
Title 22 TAC 217.24 TITLE 22. EXAMINING BOARDS PART 11. TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING CHAPTER 217. LICENSURE, PEER ASSISTANCE AND PRACTICE						
Agency TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING (TX)						
Description						
Regulation Summary Proposes new rule concerning Telemedicine Medical Service Prescriptions. Clarifies that the validity of a prescription for the Nursing Board is determined by the same standard that would apply in an in-person setting.						

#	State	Ref #	Status	Type	Intro Date	Document Count
11	TX	22 TAC 322.5	Final Rule	Regular	Sep 07, 2018	2
Issues Regulatory, Licensing & Advisory Boards						
Labels						
Title 22 TAC 322.5 TITLE 22. EXAMINING BOARDS PART 16. TEXAS BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY EXAMINERS CHAPTER 322. PRACTICE						
Agency TEXAS BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY EXAMINERS (TX)						
Description						
Regulation Summary The rule establishes telehealth practice standards for physical therapists utilizing telehealth. Requires synchronous audiovisual interaction, but can be accompanied by synchronous store and forward technology. Requires informed consent and the same standard of care be maintained as required in an in-person setting.						

#	State	Ref #	Status	Type	Intro Date	Document Count
12	LA		Final Rule	Regular	Aug 20, 2018	3
Issues Regulatory, Licensing & Advisory Boards						
Labels						
Title Speech-Pathology and Audiology						
Agency Department of Health Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology (LA)						
Description						
Regulation Summary The Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology proposes to amend its current regulations to make technical changes and clarifications, add definitions for telehealth/telepractice, remove hearing aid dispensing fee from renewal and initial applications, and add telehealth registration fees.						

#	State	Ref #	Status	Type	Intro Date	Document Count
13	LA		Final Rule	Regular	Jul 20, 2018	2
Issues Regulatory, Licensing & Advisory Boards						
Labels						
Title Registered Dietitians/Nutritionists						
Agency Department of Health Board of Dietitians and Nutritionists (LA)						
Description						
Regulation Summary The Board of Dietitians and Nutritionists proposes to amend its current regulations to make technical changes and clarifications, add definitions for telehealth/telepractice, remove hearing aid dispensing fee from renewal and initial applications, and add telehealth registration fees.						

#	State	Ref #	Status	Type	Intro Date	Document Count
14	TX	37 TAC 273.2	Final Rule	Regular	May 25, 2018	2
Issues Other						
Labels						
Title 37 TAC 273.2 TITLE 37. PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONS PART 9. TEXAS COMMISSION ON JAIL STANDARDS CHAPTER 273. HEALTH SERVICES						
Agency TEXAS COMMISSION ON JAIL STANDARDS (TX)						
Description						
Regulation Summary The Commission is proposing an amendment to Section 273.2 to implement Senate Bill 1849, 85th Legislature, which amended Local Government Code, Section 511.009(a). The proposed change is to ensure the safety of prisoners by giving prisoners the ability to access a health professional at the jail or through a telemental health service and a telehealth service 24 hours a day. If a health professional or telehealth service is unavailable at the jail, the jail shall provide for a prisoner to be transported to access a health professional.						

#	State	Ref #	Status	Type	Intro Date	Document Count
15	LA		Final Rule	Regular	Apr 20, 2018	3
Issues Regulatory, Licensing & Advisory Boards						
Labels						
Title Licensing and Certification						
Agency Department of Health Physical Therapy Board (LA)						
Description						
Regulation Summary This rule would promulgate rules related to the use of telehealth by physical therapists.						

#	State	Ref #	Status	Type	Intro Date	Document Count
16	TX	28 TAC 129.5	Final Rule	Regular	Apr 20, 2018	2
Issues Other						
Labels						
Title 28 TAC 129.5 TITLE 28. INSURANCE PART 2. TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE, DIVISION OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION CHAPTER 129. INCOME BENEFITS--TEMPORARY INCOME BENEFITS						
Agency TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE, DIVISION OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION (TX)						
Description						
Regulation Summary Amends rule concerning Work Status Reports. Allows work status reports to be provided to an injured worker electronically via telemedicine.						