

TexLa TRC May 2020 Legislative Update

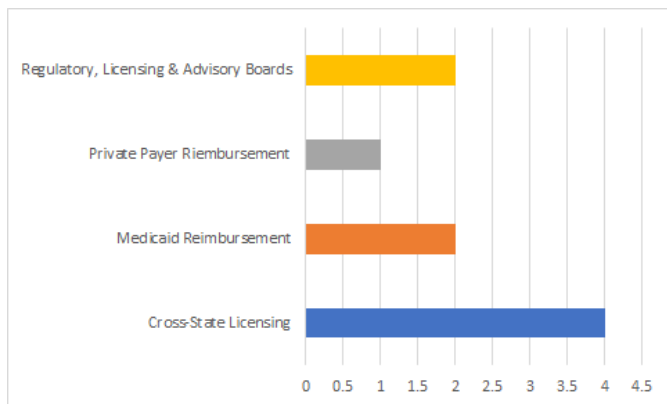
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TexLa Telehealth Resource Center covers the states of Texas & Louisiana.

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)

Cross-State Licensing (4)

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
LA	HB 622	Read By Title Under The Rules Referred To The Committee On Commerce 2020 03 09	In House

Title
LICENSING: Provides relative to universal occupational or professional licensing recognition

Bill Summary: Recognizes universal occupational or professional licensing recognition.

Introduction Date: 2020-02-28

Primary Sponsors
Julie Emerson

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
LA	SB 46	Introduced In The Senate Read By Title Rules Suspended Read Second Time And Referred To The Committee On Health And Welfare 2020 03 09	In Senate

Title
HEALTH SERVICES: Provides for the Recognition of Emergency Medical Services Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact (REPLICA). (gov sig)

Bill Summary: Enacts the Emergency Medical Services Personnel Licensure Compact.

Introduction Date: 2020-02-18

Primary Sponsors
Barrow Peacock

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
LA	SB 98	Introduced In The Senate Read By Title Rules Suspended Read Second Time And Referred To The Committee On Commerce Consumer Protection And International Affairs 2020 03 09	In Senate

Title
SPEECH/PATH/AUDIO: Provides for the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact (ASLP-IC). (gov sig)

Bill Summary: Enacts the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact.

Introduction Date: 2020-02-24

Primary Sponsors
Barrow Peacock

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
LA	SB 464	Read Second Time By Title And Referred To The Committee On Health And Welfare 2020 05 04	In Senate

Title
HEALTH CARE: Provides relative to the practice of medicine. (2/3 - CA7s2.1(A)) (8/1/20)

Bill Summary: Enacts the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact in Louisiana.

Introduction Date: 2020-03-31

Primary Sponsors
Barrow Peacock

Medicaid Reimbursement (2)

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
LA	HB 553	Read By Title Under The Rules Referred To The Committee On Health And Welfare 2020 03 09	In House

Title
INSURANCE/HEALTH: Provides relative to remote patient monitoring

Bill Summary: Provides for remote patient monitoring, establishes patient qualifications, establishes monitoring equipment and network requirements, requires Medicaid coverage for RPM.

Introduction Date: 2020-02-28

Primary Sponsors
Raymond Crews

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
LA	HB 589	Sent To The Governor For Executive Approval 2020 06 01	Passed Senate

Title
MEDICAID: Provides for Medicaid policies and procedures concerning telehealth services

Primary Sponsors
Michael Echols

Bill Summary: Provides for Medicaid policies and procedures concerning telehealth services. Requires the department to periodically review policies to determine variations between reimbursement in Medicaid and Medicare and modify its telehealth policies to be comparable to Medicare.

Introduction Date: 2020-02-28

Private Payer Reimbursement (1)

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
LA	HB 530	Sent To The Governor For Executive Approval 2020 06 03	Passed Senate

Title
INSURANCE/HEALTH: Provides for coverage of healthcare services provided through telehealth or telemedicine (RE1 SEE FISC NOTE SG EX)

Primary Sponsors
Michael Echols

Bill Summary: Requires health coverage plans to display on their website in a conspicuous manner their coverage of telemedicine medical services, telehealth healthcare services and remote monitoring services.

Introduction Date: 2020-02-28

Regulatory, Licensing & Advisory Boards (2)

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
LA	HB 449	Sent To The Governor For Executive Approval 2020 06 02	Passed Senate

Title
HEALTH SERVICES: Provides relative to behavioral health services delivered via telehealth

Primary Sponsors
Michael Echols

Bill Summary: Amends the definition of telehealth to include behavioral health services. Requires licensing standards be developed by the Department on the delivery of behavioral health services through telehealth.

Introduction Date: 2020-02-27

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
LA	HB 460	Read By Title Amended Returned To The Calendar 2020 05 15	In House

Title
DENTISTRY: Provides relative to direct to consumer laboratory services for patients

Primary Sponsors
Chris Turner

Bill Summary: Defines direct to consumer dental laboratory services as the use of asynchronous store and forward transfer and sets standards around establishing a dentist-patient relationship.

Introduction Date: 2020-02-27

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Total State Regs Exported : 4

#	State	Ref #	Status	Type	Intro Date	Document Count
1	TX	22 TAC 322.5	Final Rule	Regular	Nov 29, 2019	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 Allows for the use of telehealth, including store-and-forward in physical therapy.						

#	State	Ref #	Status	Type	Intro Date	Document Count
2	TX	22 TAC 573.68	Final Rule	Regular	Aug 16, 2019	2
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.						