Telehealth State/ Federal Updates

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Federal Updates

•On December 29, President Biden signed the <u>H.R. 2617: Fiscal Year 2023 Consolidated</u> <u>Appropriations Act (CAA)</u>, which extends COVID-19 Medicare telehealth flexibilities until 12/31/2024. These flexibilities include:

- Temporary suspension of the geographic site requirement
- Allowing the home as an eligible originating site
- Allowing certain providers, including FQHCs and RHCs to continue to be eligible telehealth providers
- Removing facility fees for patients receiving telemedicine services in their homes
- Delaying the in-person visit requirement before a patient may be eligible for telemental health services
- Allowing for the continued use of audio-only telehealth services
- Allowing first dollar coverage for telehealth services for patients with high deductible health plans coupled with a health savings account