Telehealth State/ Federal Updates

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Federal Updates

- •As part of <u>CMS 2024 Physician Fee Schedule's final rule</u>, CMS clarified certain guidance for remote monitoring services, finalized separate reimbursement for remote monitoring provided by rural health centers and FQHCs, and discussed a recent request for information for digital therapies
 - See article on CMS coverage updates and payment policies for remote monitoring here.
- •The following telehealth regulation areas are to be decided upon in 2024:
 - **Medicare waivers:** The <u>CONNECT Act</u> would eliminate geographic telehealth restrictions for physicians to receive Medicare payments see bill text <u>here</u>.
 - **Expansion to underinsured:** The Telehealth Expansion Act would allow underinsured patients and those with high deductible plans to access telehealth services permanently see bill text here.
 - Controlled substance prescriptions: The <u>TREATS Act</u> would allow for the prescription of opioid use disorder drugs via telehealth see bill text <u>here</u>.

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Nicki Perisho's Testimony to the U.S. Senate Finance Subcommittee on Health Care

Watch here for Nicki's testimony on telehealth's vital role for Medicare beneficiaries