

# Telehealth State/ Federal Updates

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- The Drug Enforcement Administration extended telemedicine flexibilities for virtual prescribing of controlled substances until November 11, 2023.
  - If a patient and a practitioner have established a telemedicine relationship on or before November 11, 2023, the same telemedicine flexibilities that have governed the relationship to that point are permitted until November 11, 2024
  - See official rule [here](#).
- [The Creating Opportunities Now for Necessary and Effective Care Technologies \(CONNECT\) for Health Act](#) is reintroduced to expand opportunities and coverage for telehealth through Medicare on a permanent basis, enhance oversight, and support health care providers and beneficiaries in utilizing telehealth
  - See press release [here](#).
- The National AI Commission Act would create a national commission to focus on the question of regulating Artificial Intelligence (AI).
  - The bipartisan, blue-ribbon commission will review the U.S.' current approach to AI regulation, make recommendations on any new office or governmental structure that may be necessary, and develop a risk-based framework for AI
- The Medicare Payment Advisory Commission (MedPAC) released its 2023 report to Congress, entitled "[Medicare and the Health Care Delivery System](#)", where it made numerous recommendations, including returning to the pre-pandemic lower facility rate requirement for telehealth services.
  - Executive summary available [here](#).
- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of the Inspector General (OIG) released a [federal toolkit](#) to help healthcare stakeholders analyze their telehealth claims data to assess program integrity risks associated with telehealth-related billing.
- CMS Medicaid has a [Telehealth webpage](#) that includes several resources for states.