

Telehealth Policy Bills

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Established Relationship Follow-Up

(d) "Established relationship" means the provider providing audio-only telemedicine has access to sufficient health records to ensure safe, effective, and appropriate care services and:

~~(i) For health care services included in the essential health benefits category of mental health and substance use disorder services, including behavioral health treatment...~~

~~(ii) For any other health care services:~~

~~(A) The covered person has had, within the past two years, at least one in-person appointment, or, until July 1, 2024, at least one real-time interactive appointment using both audio and video technology, with the provider providing audio-only telemedicine or with a provider employed at the same medical group, at the same clinic, or by the same integrated delivery system operated by a carrier licensed under chapter 48.44 or 48.46 RCW as the provider providing audio-only telemedicine; or~~

~~(B) The covered person was referred to the provider providing audio-only telemedicine by another provider who has had, within the past two years, at least one in-person appointment, or, until July 1, 2024, at least one real-time interactive appointment using both audio and video technology, with the covered person and has provided relevant medical information to the provider providing audio-only telemedicine~~

Uniform Telehealth Act

- Bill Text: [Senate Bill 5481 – Substitute](#)
- Can follow progress of this bill at the Washington State Legislature [here](#).