

# Telehealth State/ Federal Updates

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# Federal Updates

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- Congress passed the [American Relief Act, 2025](#) that ensures the continuation of essential healthcare programs and includes critical provisions to sustain telehealth access for a 90-day period through March 31, 2025
- The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) announced a third temporary extension until December 31, 2025 or until DEA makes a final rule regarding flexibilities for telemedicine prescribing of controlled substances
  - This pertains to the prescribing of controlled substances (Ryan Haight Act) when first visit is by telemedicine
  - DEA announcement [here](#).
  - Federal rule [here](#).

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- The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) released the [2025 Physician Fee Schedule](#). The following list summarizes telehealth services under the physician fee schedule as shared from the [CMS Fact Sheet](#):
  - Expansion of Telehealth Services
  - Flexibility in Audio-Only Communication
  - Direct Supervision via Telehealth
  - Virtual Presence of Teaching Physicians
  - Reinstatement of Pre-Pandemic Limitations