

FOR DISCUSSION PURPOSES ONLY

Patient Protection Commission, State of Nevada
August 17, 2020

Potential Bill Draft Request for the 2021 Legislative Session

Deadline: BDRs must be submitted by no later than **September 1, 2020**.

Goal of Proposed Bill Draft 1: Telehealth

Promote increased patients' access to high-quality care, while reducing costs and improving patient and provider safety, through the inclusion of clear, effective and sustainable telemedicine language in the Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS).

Legislative Intent of Proposed Bill

This bill seeks to enact legislation to codify telehealth flexibilities granted during the COVID-19 public health emergency into law.

Expansion of Service

All telehealth service type expansion and reimbursement models during COVID-19 state of emergency should be continued and allowable going forward (limited to covered services by providers licensed to provide telehealth services per NRS)

Patient location. Health care providers may offer telehealth services to patients located in their homes and outside of designated rural areas. Patients can connect from home or any location, even across state lines, and these will be considered originating sites for such services. However, practicing across state lines is subject to requirements set by the states involved.

Private Payer Parity

Service Parity. Health plans must reimburse "on the same basis" if the service were delivered in-person. A health benefit plan is not required to reimburse for a healthcare service provided through telemedicine that is not comparable to the same service provided in-person.

Payment Parity. The combined amount of reimbursement that a health benefit plan allows for the compensation to the distant site and the originating site shall not be less than the total amount allowed for healthcare services provided in-person.

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Exception: exclude phone call service from payment parity but preserve phone call access (therapy?).

If known, list any existing state law that is sought to be changed or which is affected by the measure

[Chapter 629](#) of NRS

[Chapter 630](#) of NRS

[Chapter 689A](#) of NRS

Any additional information that may be helpful in drafting the bill or resolution

Effective Date:

- Default (October 1, 2021)
- July 1, 2021
- January 1, 2022
- Upon Passage and Approval
- Other

Description of any known cost to the State or a local government that would result from carrying out the changes in the measure if enacted:
