



Jurisdiction Telehealth Laws/Guidance for PTs and PTAs

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STATE	ACTIVE PT COMPACT MEMBER	TELEHEALTH LAWS/GUIDANCE	MANDATED CLOSURES OF PT TREATMENT FACILITIES
ALABAMA		<p>While the current practice act does not explicitly address telehealth, it also does not limit its use for therapy either. All ethical and scope of practice guidelines apply to telehealth practice the same as face-to-face practice.</p> <p>ABPT COVID-19 Statement to Practitioners</p>	
ALASKA		<p>12 AAC 54.530. Standards for practice of telerehabilitation by Physical Therapist</p>	<p>As outlined in Mandate 5.1, all elective, routine, non-urgent or non-emergent in-person health care and personal services are prohibited. This includes in-person treatment</p>

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		Telehealth & Licensing Guidelines During COVID-19 Telemedicine Business Registry	by licensed health care providers—such as chiropractic, physical therapy, naturopathy or prescribed massage therapy. Providers are encouraged to deliver telehealth services as appropriate.
ARKANSAS	Y	Arkansas Board of Physical Therapy Telemedicine Statement Physical Therapy Telehealth Rule	
ARIZONA	Y	Executive Order 2020-15 Telemedicine Privileges for Physical Therapists	
CALIFORNIA		All licensees under Division 2 of the Business & Professions code (which includes physical therapy) may utilize telehealth methods CA Business & Professions Code Section 2290.5	
COLORADO	Y	Guidelines for the Appropriate Use of Telehealth Technologies in the Practice of Physical Therapy Board	
CONNECTICUT		CT Gen Stat Section 19a-906- Telehealth services specifically includes physical therapists as a telehealth provider	
DELAWARE		DE Telehealth Information 18-1400 DE Admin Code Section 1409 and DE Code Section 24-2602	
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA		Guidance on use of telehealth in the District of Columbia	
FLORIDA		Florida Statutes 456.47 Use of telehealth to provide services Physical therapists are included as a telehealth provider as an individual licensed/certified under chapter 486	
GEORGIA		GA Board of PT Policy Updated 12/08/2015	

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HAWAII			
IDAHO		IDAHO TELEHEALTH ACCESS ACT	
ILLINOIS		Executive Order to Expand Telehealth Services and Protect Health Care Providers in Response to COVID-19 (COVID-19 Executive Order No 7)	
INDIANA		Executive Order 20-13 See 5b for specifics regarding PT IC 25-1-9.5 Chapter 9.5. Telemedicine Services and Prescriptions	
IOWA	Y	<p>IA Admin Code 645-201.3(147) Telehealth Visits providing physical therapy services</p> <p>Section 9 of the Governor’s Proclamation issued on March 17 eases rules that establish preconditions, limitations, or restrictions on the provision of telehealth services and other administrative rules that require face-to-face interactions with health care providers. This is intended to suspend rules that may require a physical interaction prior to utilizing telehealth or otherwise restrict the types of services or manner of services that can be provided via telehealth. The Board’s rules on telehealth do not impose any such requirements—therefore, this Section has no effect on the Board’s rules.</p> <p>Iowa law requires that individuals who practice physical or occupational therapy in Iowa have an Iowa license (or for physical therapy, a license or a compact privilege). The Governor has not issued any proclamations that would waive the requirement for a provider to be Iowa licensed.</p> <p>Section 3 of the Governor’s Proclamation issued on March 26 directs the Insurance Commissioner to ensure that any health carrier reimburses a health care professional for covered services via telehealth.</p>	

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KANSAS		<p>The Kansas Board of Healing Arts is authorized to extend the provisions of the Governor's telehealth waiver in Executive Order 20-08 to other healthcare professionals regulated by the board to the extent the board deems such extension both necessary or appropriate to address impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and consistent with patient safety. Providers must apply for the waiver http://www.ksbha.org/forms/COVID-19_Practice_of_Telemedicine_Form.pdf</p>	
KENTUCKY	Y	<p>KY Board of Physical Therapy Telehealth Requirements: KY Revised Statute Annotated Section 26:327.200 and 201 KY Admin Regs 22:001</p> <p>Emergency Legislation SB150 passed and signed by the Governor, during the state of emergency:</p> <p>(4) Unless specifically prohibited or limited by federal law, a health care provider who establishes a provider-patient relationship, regardless of whether or not the telehealth provider has previously conducted an in-person examination or consultation or is conducting a new patient examination or consultation, with a patient in this state may remotely provide health care services to a patient through the use of telemedicine at an appropriate site for both the provider and patient and in compliance with HIPAA. Such provider must have an active unencumbered license for a health care profession which is issued by another state, the District of Columbia, or a possession or territory of the United States and have never been subject to discipline by a licensing agency in any state or federal jurisdiction and never had their license or permit for controlled substances suspended or revoked. Such providers must register with the relevant state agency and only offer clinically appropriate, medically necessary services. An insurer, as defined under KRS 304.17A-005, shall provide coverage for such services that are rendered to insureds in this state and the reimbursement rates for the service shall not be more for the</p>	<p>Governor requires closure of physical therapy clinics except for emergent and urgent needs.</p>

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		same services delivered in-person as provided under KRS 304.17A-138 and shall be determined between insurers and providers;	
LOUISIANA	Y	Louisiana PT Board guidance on telehealth in the state.	
MAINE		Department of Professional & Financial Regulation memorandum expanding the availability of telehealth services	
MARYLAND		MARYLAND BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY EXAMINERS POLICY POSITION STATEMENT ON TELEHEALTH Maryland Medicaid Telehealth Update for OT/PT/Speech and EPSDT providers	
MASSACHUSETTS		Order Expanding Access to Telehealth Services and to Protect Health Care Providers	
MICHIGAN		MI Public Health Code Act 368 Section 333.16283-13286	
MINNESOTA		MN Statutes 256B.0625 COVERED SERVICES. Subd. 3b. Telemedicine services. Licensed health care providers under chapter 148 includes PT/PTAs	
MISSISSIPPI	Y	MS State Board of Physical Therapy Proclamation on Telehealth MS PT Rules on Telehealth	
MISSOURI	Y	Provision and Reimbursement of Services via Telehealth	
MONTANA		MT's Statutory definition of physical therapy includes telemedicine Supervision by means of telemedicine	
NEBRASKA	Y	Nebraska Telehealth Act	

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NEVADA		NV Revised Statute Section 629.515 Telehealth requirements for provider of health care (includes physical therapists)	
NEW HAMPSHIRE	Y	Emergency Order #15 Temporary Authorization for out of state medical providers to provide medically necessary service and provide service through telehealth	
NEW JERSEY		Telemedicine and Telehealth Act Physical therapists are included in the health care providers licensed or certified pursuant to Title 45 of the NJ Revised Statutes NJ Division of Consumer Affairs FAQs on Telehealth Services during the COVID-19 Pandemic	
NEW MEXICO		NM Telehealth Act NM Stat § 24-25-3 includes physical therapists in Definitions	
NEW YORK		NY State Practice Guideline 10 Engaging in Telepractice	
NORTH CAROLINA	Y	NCBPTTE statement on Telehealth	
NORTH DAKOTA	Y	ND PT Practice Act Chapter 43-26.1-01 Definition of Telehealth includes delivering “health care services, including physical therapy related information and services”	
OHIO		Ohio OTPTAT Board Statement on Telehealth Telehealth during state of emergency	
OKLAHOMA	Y	OK Telemedicine Act §36-6801-6802	
OREGON	Y	OR PT Licensing Board Rules on Telehealth	

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PENNSYLVANIA		Telemedicine Guidelines Related to COVID-19	
PUERTO RICO			
RHODE ISLAND		Telemedicine Coverage Act see (2) and (5)	
SOUTH CAROLINA		GUIDANCE REGARDING USE OF TELEHEALTH TO PROVIDE PHYSICAL THERAPY SERVICES DURING PUBLIC HEALTH STATE OF EMERGENCY	
SOUTH DAKOTA		Executive order 2020-07 suspends the regulatory provisions in ARSD 67:16 (physical therapy 67:16:02:05.01) restricting the provision of telehealth service which required face-to-face treatment, visits, interviews, and sessions with providers	
TENNESSEE	Y	Executive order No. 20 allows telehealth or telemedicine services to be provided by any provider licensed under Title 63 , regardless of the provider's authority to diagnose; does not otherwise alter or amend any licensee's scope of practice or record keeping requirements.	
TEXAS	Y	TX Board of PT Examiners Rules §322.5. Telehealth	
UTAH	Y	Executive Order suspending enforcement of statutes relating to telehealth services UT Telehealth requirements for licensed healthcare professionals	
VERMONT		OPR's Telehealth and COVID-19 Guidance On March 30, 2020, Governor Scott signed emergency legislation that allows individuals who are licensed in another state to provide telehealth to Vermonters without a license.	
VIRGIN ISLANDS			
VIRGINIA	Y	Virginia Board of Physical Therapy Guidance on Telehealth	

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WASHINGTON	Y	WA Administrative Code 246-915-187 Use of telehealth in the practice of physical therapy	
WEST VIRGINIA	Y	WVBOPT information on telehealth and COVID-19	
WISCONSIN		WI Telehealth Guidance	
WYOMING		WY State Board of Physical Therapy Guidance Regarding Practice of Telehealth by Physical Therapists	