

Codebook for Telehealth and Primary Care Provider Laws

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Telehealth is an important tool for providing healthcare in the United States, particularly to individuals who live in areas without access to high quality primary care. Through the use of telecommunication technologies, patients, health care providers, and health care administrators are able to provide health care at a distance. Telehealth practices are regulated at the state level, and those regulations vary from state-to-state, by type of medical service being provided and how those services may be reimbursed. This dataset presents information about the ability of non-physician providers to provide primary care through telehealth and be reimbursed for those services in all 50 states and Washington, D.C.

There are six standard variables in every LawAtlas dataset. They are:

ID

An identification code generated by the LawAtlas Workbench.

FIPS CODE

The Federal Information Processing Standard (FIPS) codes are a standardized set of numeric codes issued by the National Institute of Standards and Technology to ensure uniform identification of geographic entities through all federal government agencies.

JURISDICTION

This is a dropdown selection in each coding form. It includes the jurisdictions coded in the dataset.

EFFECTIVE DATE

This date (MM/DD/YYYY) is the most recent effective date of the legal text captured for this place. The effective date represents the date the policy coded was put into effect.

VALID THROUGH DATE

This date (MM/DD/YYYY) is either the last date a law or policy was in effect prior to an amendment or the last date the researcher confirmed the law or policy was in effect during the research process.

LEGAL TEXT

This is a text box that captures all legal text relevant to the coding questions. This will not download into Microsoft Excel.

Questions	
Question 1:	Is the practice of telehealth defined in state law?
Question Type:	Categorical - mutually exclusive
Variable Name 1:	DefTelehealth
Variable Values:	1, 2
Value Label:	1 = No
Value Label:	2 = Yes
Question 2:	Does state law allow healthcare providers to provide telehealth in a primary care setting?
Question Type:	Categorical - mutually exclusive
Variable Name 2:	ProviderT
Variable Values:	1, 2, 3
Value Label:	1 = No
Value Label:	2 = Yes
Value Label:	3 = NA
Question 3:	What type(s) of primary care providers may provide telehealth services?
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name 3:	ProviderT2_Physician
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 4:	What type(s) of primary care providers may provide telehealth services?
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name 4:	ProviderT2_Nurse Practitioner
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 5:	What type(s) of primary care providers may provide telehealth services?
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name 5:	ProviderT2_Physician Assistant
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes

Question 6:	What type(s) of primary care providers may provide telehealth services?
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name 6:	ProviderT2_Advanced Practice Nurse
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 7:	What type(s) of primary care providers may provide telehealth services?
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name 7:	ProviderT2_Advanced Registered nurse practitioner
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 8:	What type(s) of primary care providers may provide telehealth services?
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name 8:	ProviderT2_Broad Authorization
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 9:	Does state law create an additional physician oversight requirement specifically for telehealth?
Question Type:	Categorical - mutually exclusive
Variable Name 9:	Oversight
Variable Values:	1, 2, 3
Value Label:	1 = No
Value Label:	2 = Yes
Value Label:	3 = NA
Question 10:	Are there requirements unrelated to provider-type that are required by state law to practice telehealth in the primary care setting?
Question Type:	Categorical - mutually exclusive
Variable Name 10:	GenQualifications
Variable Values:	1, 2, 3
Value Label:	1 = No
Value Label:	2 = Yes

Value Label:	3 = NA
Question 11:	Is there a law regarding telehealth reimbursement under Medical funded state insurance?
Question Type:	Categorical - mutually exclusive
Variable Name 11:	Medicaid
Variable Values:	1, 2
Value Label:	1 = No
Value Label:	2 = Yes
Question 12:	Does Medicaid funded state insurance place limitations on what type of provider can be reimbursed for their services?
Question Type:	Categorical - mutually exclusive
Variable Name 12:	MedicaidFundingQa
Variable Values:	1, 2
Value Label:	1 = No
Value Label:	2 = Yes
Question 13:	Is there law regarding telehealth reimbursement under private insurance?
Question Type:	Categorical - mutually exclusive
Variable Name 13:	PrivateINS
Variable Values:	1, 2
Value Label:	1 = No
Value Label:	2 = Yes
Question 14:	Is there state law for a method through which providers from outside of the state can be allowed to practice in the state through telecommunications (aside from acquiring an in-state license)?
Question Type:	Categorical - mutually exclusive
Variable Name 14:	OutofStatePrivileges
Variable Values:	1, 2
Value Label:	1 = No
Value Label:	2 = Yes