

MedChi Action on Telehealth

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MEDCHI HAS BEEN PROVIDING TELEMEDICINE SUPPORT BY ANSWERING CALLS, PROVIDING TARGETED AND INFORMATIVE RESOURCES, AND ADVOCATING FOR PHYSICIAN-FRIENDLY POLICIES.

ADVOCACY OF PAYMENT FOR TELEHEALTH

Working with the AMA to extend access to federal waivers of payment programs for telehealth, both audio and visual, in Medicare.

Working with Payers to extend waivers to pay and waive co-pays and deductibles for telehealth. Carefirst recently extended their deadline to July 24th, Cigna, Aetna, and United have extended their deadlines to September 30th.

Pushing for extended timeframes for payment of Medicaid telehealth services.

GRANTS AND HELP IMPLEMENTING TELEHEALTH

Created with Carefirst of Maryland a grant program to provide funds for small practices to pay for the DrFirst Tool. The program is open until January 1st.

Lobbied the MHCC to create, and we have helped doctors access, a grant program to help practices get funds and consulting help for telehealth.

Working on targeted programs to help doctors implement remote monitoring.

ACCESS TO TELEHEALTH ACROSS STATE LINES

Worked with the Governor to have an executive order to allow patients to receive, and health workers to provide, telehealth.

Working with Johns Hopkins and others to allow for access during any national emergency through the passage of the TREAT ACT.

Working with the malpractice insurance industry to try to make sure coverage is extended outside of State lines when possible, this has proved challenging.