

Telemedicine Licensing & Scope of Practice



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Quick guide to list of states with unique telemedicine laws

Telemedicine laws vary significantly across states, impacting licensing requirements, scope of practice, and prescribing regulations. This quick guide highlights key state-specific regulations for telehealth providers.

States Requiring Full Licensure for Out-of-State Providers

Providers must obtain a full state medical license to practice telemedicine:

- California
- Florida (limited out-of-state provider exceptions)
- New York
- Texas
- Georgia
- Massachusetts

States with Special Telemedicine Licenses

These states offer a telemedicine-specific license for out-of-state providers:

- Alabama (Telemedicine Registration)
- Louisiana (Telemedicine Permit)
- Minnesota (Limited Telehealth Registration)
- Nevada (Telemedicine License)
- Ohio (Telemedicine Certification)
- Tennessee (Out-of-State Telemedicine License)

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States Participating in the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact (IMLC)

The IMLC streamlines licensing for eligible physicians across multiple states:

- Arizona
- Colorado
- Illinois
- Missouri
- Montana
- Nebraska
- Washington (Full list available at [IMLC official site](#))

States with Unique Telemedicine Scope of Practice Laws

- **Hawaii:** Requires an in-person exam before telehealth treatment for new patients.
- **Kentucky:** Mandates patient consent and a prior in-person visit for prescribing controlled substances.
- **South Carolina:** Prohibits the use of telemedicine for prescribing Schedule II & III controlled substances.
- **West Virginia:** Requires an initial in-person or video consultation before issuing prescriptions.

States with Expedited or Temporary Licensure for Telemedicine

- **Connecticut:** Temporary telehealth certification for out-of-state providers.
- **Idaho:** Expedited license for out-of-state telehealth professionals.
- **Maine:** Allows temporary licensing during public health emergencies.
- **New Jersey:** Temporary out-of-state telemedicine registration.