

# Telemedicine Guidance

## COVID-19



Texas Governor Abbott's [press release](#) on March 17, 2020 waived certain regulations for telemedicine care in Texas. The Texas Department of Insurance issued an [emergency rule](#) on March 18, 2020, with an accompanying [FAQ](#).

The federal government also has [issued information](#) expanding access to telemedicine for Medicare services.

The Texas Medical Board (TMB) [issued guidance](#) on March 14, 2020 to allow physicians and other health-care professionals to use phone consultations to establish a physician-patient relationship. Before the change, telemedicine services could be provided only after the physician-patient relationship had been established during an in-person visit.

On March 19, 2020, the Texas Medical Board posted online further guidance on telemedicine during the COVID-19 disaster response.

**To view the FAQs and latest updates, [click here](#).**

The FAQs were jointly developed with input by the Office of the Governor, the Texas Medical Board, the Texas Department of Insurance, the e-Health Alliance, the Texas Medical Association, and TAHP.