



# IDAHO

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### **Idaho Telehealth Access Act**

#### **COVID-19 Guidance**

The state of Idaho is under a federal declaration of emergency due to the ongoing occurrence and imminent threat to public health and safety arising from the effects of COVID-19. Pursuant to the emergency, the Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses (DOPL) will assist the current status of healthcare professional capacity by exercising enforcement discretion to provisions of the Telehealth Access Act to restore allowances from 2020. Any healthcare professional may provide telehealth services in or into Idaho, so long as the healthcare professional is licensed or registered and in good standing with another U.S. state or jurisdiction and acting in good faith.

A healthcare professional providing telehealth services will consider the following provisions prior to providing patient care:

- A healthcare professional providing telehealth services in or into Idaho must be licensed or registered in any U.S. state or jurisdiction, and in good standing with no active or pending disciplinary action;
- A healthcare professional providing telehealth services in or into Idaho must act in good faith, exercise reasonable care, and follow applicable federal regulations;
- A healthcare professional providing telehealth services in or into Idaho must possess the necessary education, training, and experience for the services being provided; and
- A healthcare professional providing telehealth services in or into Idaho must use sufficient technology to establish a patient-provider relationship for the services being provided.

The Division enforcement discretion is in place until July 1, 2022, unless extended by DOPL announcement. To ensure continuity of patient care after the waiver ends, healthcare professionals providing telehealth services should pursue Idaho licensure or prepare a transition plan for patient care.

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