



Telehealth: Specialists and Mental Health

THE PROBLEM: RESTRICTIVE STATE TELEHEALTH LAWS

State telehealth laws are often focused on physicians and do not apply to other kinds of essential providers. This keeps needed specialists from delivering high-quality care across state lines and limits access and options for patients.



18 percent of Americans live **more than 10 miles away** from the nearest hospital.



There's a **shortage of behavioral health professionals** to help with the opioid epidemic.



Those in urban areas have greater access to specialists **than people in rural communities.**

THE SOLUTION: EXPAND TELEHEALTH TO PROVIDERS OF ALL KINDS

Everyone deserves access to high-quality providers, and all types of health providers should be able to care for patients remotely including:

- ▶ Domestic abuse counselors
- ▶ Nutritionists
- ▶ Speech therapists
- ▶ Behavior analysts
- ▶ Addiction psychiatrists
- ▶ Geriatric social workers



Patients will experience **more access to providers**, especially in rural communities.



A patient's geography will no longer determine their health outcome.



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WHO IT HELPS

✓ Individuals who live in rural areas

✓ Hospitals that can't find full-time specialists

✓ Veterans

✓ Individuals struggling with addiction or mental health problems

✓ Individuals with chronic conditions

✓ People with disabilities who struggle to make it to traditional clinics

IT'S TRENDING: 37 OUT OF 50 STATES



IT'S POPULAR

