

# NOTICE: Telehealth Updates

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Dear Providers,

On February 26, 2025, we shared updates regarding CMS PHE flexibilities that were set to expire on March 31, 2025. These have now been extended until **September 30, 2025**. The extension includes:

- Geographic restrictions & originating sites: The patient's home remains an eligible site.
- Expanded eligible practitioners: Including therapists, physical therapists, speech-language pathologists, and audiologists.
- Audio-only telehealth services remain permitted.
- Extended telehealth services for Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) and Rural Health Clinics (RHCs).
- Delayed in-person visit requirements for mental health services.
- Acute Hospital Care at Home program continuation.
- Telehealth flexibility allowing a patient's home or temporary residence to serve as an originating site.
- Hospital remote clinician services: Hospitals can continue utilizing remote clinicians with in-home nursing services for inpatient-level care at a patient's home.

For more details, visit: [www.cms.gov/medicare/coverage/telehealth](https://www.cms.gov/medicare/coverage/telehealth)

## DEA Telehealth Prescribing Rule Update:

The public comment period for the new DEA Telehealth Prescribing Rules has now ended, with over 6,000 comments submitted. You can review the proposed rule at: [www.federalregister.gov](https://www.federalregister.gov)

As a reminder, the current status of DEA telemedicine flexibilities for prescribing controlled substances is:

- Extended through December 31, 2025.
- DEA-registered practitioners may continue prescribing Schedule II-V medications via telemedicine without an in-person evaluation, under the following conditions:
  - The prescription is for legitimate medical purposes.
  - The encounter uses real-time audio-visual technology.
  - The prescribing practitioner is authorized under their DEA registration.

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