## Telehealth Model Legislation

**ERIC’s Telehealth Initiative advocates for large employers’ ability to offer telehealth services to their millions of employees, families, and retirees, so they can access quality health care – when and where they need it.**

**ERIC encourages policymakers to develop telehealth laws and regulations which:**

- Specifically allow telehealth to establish a patient-provider relationship
- Apply the same standard of care to in-person visits and telehealth visits
- Do not require reimbursement for telehealth visits to be at the same rate as reimbursement for in-person visits
- Encourage interstate practice among providers
- Coordination between the patient’s telemedicine provider and primary care provider is encouraged
- Simply define “telehealth” and “telemedicine” and apply the terms to broadly include all types of care that use technology to connect a provider in one location and a patient in a different location
- Does not require or encourage patients to travel to specific “originating sites” to access telehealth services
- Apply the same informed consent requirements to in-person visits and telehealth visits
- Allow prescribing via telemedicine

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