



Governor's Telehealth Advisory Committee on Telehealth Best Practices

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State Action HB2454

- Most comprehensive telehealth bill in the country
- Passed both houses with broad, bi-partisan support and an emergency clause so it would be effective upon signature by the Governor
- Supported by the entire healthcare community – doctors, nurses, hospitals, FQHCs, patient advocates, universities, and others

Arizona State Legislature [House Bill 2454](#) from the 2021 Fifty-fifth legislature – first regular session.

Arizona Telehealth Advisory Committee on Telehealth Best Practices

- Made up of healthcare practitioners from across the state and various healthcare specialties including:
 - Physicians
 - Advanced practice nurses
 - Psychiatrists
 - Behavioral health practitioners
 - Hospitals

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- Four vacant positions:
 - Naturopathic Physician
 - Licensed Healthcare Professional Specializing in Treating Industrial Injuries
 - Licensed Healthcare Professional Specializing in Treating Those With Developmental Disabilities
 - Psychologist
- If you are interested in serving on the Telehealth Advisory Committee, please contact Lauren Prole at 602-417-4528 or by email at Lauren.Prole@azahcccs.gov

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- On or before December 1, 2021, shall submit a report to the governor, the president of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives with the advisory committee's recommendations regarding the specific health care services that are appropriate to provide through an audio-only telehealth format as a substitute for an in-person or audio-visual telehealth encounter

[Audio Only - Recommendations Report December 2021](#)

- Advisory Committee may issue an addendum given Medicare released coverage

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Responsible for adoption of telehealth best practice guidelines and recommendations regarding health care services that may be provided through audio-only format

- Shall analyze medical literature and national practice guidelines
- Must consider the comparative effectiveness, safety and benefit to the patient of performing a service through an audio-only telehealth format instead of in person or through an audio-visual format
- Must consider the appropriate frequency and duration of audio-only telehealth encounters

Telehealth Subcommittees

Behavioral Health Best Practices Subcommittee

January 20, 2022, 9:00 AM

The public is welcome to join virtually:

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Physical Health Best Practices Subcommittee

January 20, 2022, 4:00 PM

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