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Subject: Telehealth Committee Update

The Telehealth Committee held its last meeting on June 3, 2022. The purpose of the Committee is to determine if any of the Board's statutes and regulations related to the practice of telehealth by Board licensees, registrants, and trainees need to be updated or clarified.

During the last meeting the Committee members and stakeholders discussed the following, which are currently in progress:

- The creation of a telehealth best practice document.
- Creating a temporary practice allowance in law for out-of-state licensees whose clients are visiting in California, or whose clients are transitioning to living here.

Some proposed amendments that were previously developed by the Telehealth Committee were recently signed into law. These include the following:

- Amendments to permit supervision via videoconferencing in all settings (AB 1758, Aguiar-Curry).
- Amendments requiring applicants for licensure and current licensees to complete 3 hours of training or coursework in the provision of mental health services via telehealth, including law and ethics related to telehealth, as a one-time requirement (AB 1759, Aguiar-Curry).
- Clarifications that certain pre-licensees may provide services with clients via telehealth (AB 1759, Aguiar-Curry).

The next Telehealth Committee meeting is December 9, 2022. Topics discussed will include online therapy platforms and alternative modes of therapy, and the statutory requirement to display a license/registration.