

# Indiana's new Telemedicine Law

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# Rule & Change

## HEA 1263

- Effective July 1, 2016
- Allows for prescribing via telemedicine visit; removing 1950's language requiring face-to-face consult first
- Becomes the 47<sup>th</sup> state to successfully implement prescribing via a telemedicine visit
- Author: Kirchhofer (H), Sponsors: Miller (S), Crider (S), Tallian (S), Randolph (S)
- *“will permit providers, with prescriptive authority, to prescribe certain prescriptions, drugs and devices during remote patient visits”*



# Definitions

- ***Remote Patient Visit*** –
  - the use of secure videoconferencing;
  - interactive audio-using store and forward technology;
  - remote patient monitoring technology between a provider in one location and a patient in another location.
- ***Provider*** – defined as physicians, optometrists, advance practice nurses and physician assistants



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- ***Prescription limits*** - Providers are not permitted to prescribe:
  - controlled substances
  - abortion inducing drugs
  - ophthalmic devices, including glasses, contact lenses and low vision devices



# Key provisions

- 8 key items outlined
  - must establish a proper physician-patient relationship
  - Standards of care
  - must obtain informed consent from the patient
  - “Store and forward technology”
  - Creating and maintaining a medical record, sharing with primary care physician upon patient consent

Final version at:

<https://iga.in.gov/legislative/2016/bills/house/1263>

