

Telehealth Initiatives		
Telehealth Study	An Emergency Request for Proposals was released on June 25, 2021 to identify a Contractor to complete study activities required by the <i>Preserve Telehealth Access Act of 2021</i> . A report with recommendations on telehealth coverage and payment levels relative to in-person care is due to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee by December 1, 2022. Findings will inform proposed legislation during the 2023 Maryland legislative session.	
Telehealth Policy Workgroup (workgroup)	The workgroup convened to discuss six changes in telehealth policy implemented in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency (PHE). The workgroup consisted of over 70 participants representing a variety of stakeholder perspectives and interests. A report was released February 2021 that includes information on the evolving telehealth landscape in Maryland and the nation, as well as leading observations from the workgroup.	mhcc.maryland.gov/mhcc/pages/home/workgroups/workgroups_telehealth_policy.aspx
Telehealth Virtual Resource Center (TVRC)	Dedicated web page with resources to assist practices with telehealth implementation. Features key considerations and best practices for virtual care delivery as it relates to technology solutions and vendor services, cybersecurity, payer policies, patient engagement and bedside manners, and liability.	mhcc.maryland.gov/mhcc/Pages/hit/hit_telemedicine/hit_telemedicine_virtual_resource.aspx
Consumer Awareness Building	Educational materials highlighting the utility of telehealth and answers to frequently asked questions about virtual care. Other activities include COVID-19 public service announcements, guest blogging for AARP, two telehealth podcasts in collaboration with Giant and Johns Hopkins Medicine, and outreach to salons in the State to assist with disseminating information on COVID-19 precautions and telehealth to their customers.	mhcc.maryland.gov/mhcc/Pages/hit/hit_telemedicine/hit_telemedicine_consumer.aspx
Telehealth Technology Vendor Portfolio (portfolio)	Designed to help save practices time identifying and reviewing over 70 HIPAA-compliant telehealth vendors -- with just a few clicks, users can select from basic technology features, such as compatibility with medical devices (e.g., blood pressure cuffs and glucometers), and integrations with electronic health record systems. The portfolio also includes user ratings on ease-of-use and overall product satisfaction. This provides practices with a unique opportunity to begin the process of evaluating telehealth solutions and the vendor providing the service.	To maximize automation, click "Enable Content:" mhcc.maryland.gov/mhcc/pages/hit/hit_telemedicine/documents/TLHT_Telehealth_Portfolio_Protected.xlsm Traditional excel workbook: mhcc.maryland.gov/mhcc/pages/hit/hit_telemedicine/documents/TLHT_Telehealth_Portfolio_Protected_Standard.xlsx

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Telehealth Readiness Assessment (TRA) Tool	An interactive, web-based application designed to help practices gauge their readiness for telehealth and identify areas for improvement. The TRA Tool provides guidance and resources across five key areas: core readiness, financial considerations, operations, staff engagement, and patient readiness.	mhcctelehealthtool.herokuapp.com /
Telehealth Demonstration Projects	Since 2014, MHCC has awarded 17 telehealth grants to qualified organizations operating in Maryland across various care settings. Lessons learned inform future telehealth implementation efforts, applications, better practices, and policy development.	mhcc.maryland.gov/mhcc/pages/hit/hit_telemedicine/hit_telemedicine_grants.aspx
Webinars	Designed to provide telehealth education and awareness among nursing homes, ambulatory practices, schools, dentists, and podiatrists. Webinars feature telehealth champions, including local and national experts.	mhcc.maryland.gov/mhcc/Pages/hit/hit/hit_webinar.aspx
Dental	Data was compiled from a 2019 Dental Health Information Technology environmental scan and feedback from dentists to design a <i>Teledentistry Self-Assessment Adoption Questionnaire</i> . The intent is to assist dentists in determining if teledentistry is a suitable option for their practice.	mhcc.maryland.gov/mhcc/pages/hit/hit_telemedicine/documents/HIT_Teledentistry_Guide.pdf