

## Telemedicine Task Force Clinical Advisory Group

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### *Guiding Principles*

- 1) The CAG should look beyond telemedicine and include discussions of and recommendations for other telehealth interventions such as physical therapy, speech therapy, home health monitoring, mental health, and others.
- 2) While access to telehealth services in rural areas is of particular concern, the use of telehealth should be encouraged and reimbursed when best practices support improved access, improved clinical outcomes, improved health professional productivity, and cost savings regardless of the geographical location of the patient.
- 3) The CAG should attempt to align its work with state and national health care priorities.
- 4) Barriers to the licensing and credentialing of telehealth providers should be addressed, but should remain sufficiently robust to ensure patient safety and quality of care.
- 5) Telehealth networks should be interoperable by whatever means is most feasible and cost effective.
- 6) Consumers as well as health care providers should be educated on the appropriate uses and benefits of telehealth.
- 7) The CAG will develop recommendations that enable synergies with the Technology Solutions and Standards as well as the Finance and Business Model Advisory Groups.