



Telehealth

We are committed to increasing access to affordable and quality healthcare for all Floridians. To showcase our resolve, for the first time ever, the Florida House of Representatives will have a “Virtual” Doctor of the Day from Memorial Healthcare System and their Telehealth Vendor AmericanWell for the Opening Day of Session. The Florida House will always stand on the side of innovation and technology that makes your healthcare experience easier and efficient.

Telehealth - HB 23, Rep. Yarborough

- The bill authorizes Florida licensed health care professionals to use telehealth to deliver health care services within their respective scopes of practice.
- The bill also authorizes out-of-state health care professionals to use telehealth to deliver health care services to Florida patients if they register with the Department of Health (DOH) or the applicable board, meet certain eligibility requirements, and pay a fee. A registered telehealth provider may use telehealth, within the relevant scope of practice established by Florida law and rule, to provide health care services to Florida patients, but is prohibited from opening an office in Florida and from providing in-person health care services to patients located in Florida.
- The bill also establishes standards of practice for services provided using telehealth, including patient examination, record-keeping, and prohibition on prescribing controlled substances for chronic malignant pain.
- The bill encourages health insurance coverage of services provided using telehealth by authorizing a tax credit for insurance companies and HMOs that reimburse for those services.
- Telehealth brings quality healthcare access to Floridians regardless of their physical location or limitations.