

**Policy Workgroup 07/21/2020**  
**Meeting Notes and Links to Resources**

(All TH/TM Materials can be found here: <https://netrc.org/work-group.php> )

**Attendance:** Lisa Harvey-Mcpherson (SME; Group Lead), Lisa Nolan, Yvonne Jonk, Jasmine Bishop, Tom Leet, Reid Plimpton (NETRC Staff)

**Agenda:**

- Group updates (% telehealth visits, etc).;
- Recent considerations in each attendee's organization,
- Policy Awareness Level Set (Awareness of any of the federally proposed bills in the past month, vs. just the PHE(s))'
- Workplan Review

**Waiver and Policy discussion-** using the links below, Lisa HM gave an overview of the different federal proposals as they stood on our meeting date (7/21), and Reid relayed the latest on the PHE status (has since changed, <https://www.phe.gov/emergency/news/healthactions/phe/Pages/covid19-23June2020.aspx> )

Reid also shared the Mainecare 6/15 update (See [Here](#))

*American Hospital Association Federal Policy Fact Sheet*

<https://www.aha.org/system/files/media/file/2020/06/fact-sheet-making-telehealth-flexibilities-permanent-legislation-or-regulation.pdf>

*FSMB COVID Licensure Trackers:* <https://www.fsmb.org/siteassets/advocacy/pdf/state-emergency-declarations-licensure-requirements-covid-19.pdf> ;

<https://www.fsmb.org/siteassets/advocacy/pdf/states-waiving-licensure-requirements-for-telehealth-in-response-to-covid-19.pdf>

**Revisit workplan** (See [here](#) for February edition)

The group reviewed this plan and discussed any potential changes to the overall ideas, agreed the “overarching aims” of each bucket still applies; will **start/pick-up with the Payer Pillar Infographic.**

Reid shared/reminded folks of the Word document NETRC had made for Maine at the start of COVID; agreed to update links and share. The group use that as a potential outline for information for the infographic; see [here](#) (NETRC is in the process of updating and re-releasing) Yvonne provided a brief recap of her team's **March 24<sup>th</sup> presentation to the TH/TM Advisory Committee on their 2019 All Payer Claims Database Analysis for Maine**; Slides for this presentation available [here](#)

**Additional Resources (Released after the Policy Meeting)**

-Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (**ASPE**) Issue Brief 07.28.2020- “Medicare Beneficiary Use of Telehealth Visits: Early Data from the start of the COVID-19 Pandemic; See [here](#)

-**POTUS Executive Order** on Improving Rural Health and Telehealth Access (Signed 08/03/2020) See [here](#)

-**CMS** Fact Sheet Page on *Proposed 2021 PFS Codes* ; (Released 08/03/2020) See [here](#) ; For full PFS Code Document, see [here](#)

**Next meeting: Aiming for 3<sup>rd</sup> week of September**