
TELEHEALTH

Telehealth Advisory Council

Governor Rick Scott signed House Bill 7087 into law April 14, 2016. The new law creates a **Telehealth Advisory Council** consisting of 15 members, as follows:

Secretary of the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA), Chair, and will appoint:

- 2 representatives of Health Insurers that offer coverage for Telehealth services
- 2 representatives of organizations that represent health care facilities, one of whom shall represent a hospital
- 2 representatives of long-term care services, one of whom shall represent a nursing home and one of whom shall represent a home health agency or community-based health services
- 2 representatives of entities that create or sell Telehealth products
- 1 representative of an organization that represent Telehealth stakeholders

Surgeon General and Secretary of Health, and will appoint:

- 2 health care practitioners, each of whom practices in a different area of medicine
- 2 representatives of organizations that represent health care practitioners

The Council is charged to review survey and research findings and to make recommendations intended to increase the use and accessibility of services provided via Telehealth technology. A report of these recommendations must be submitted to the Governor, the President of the Florida Senate, and the Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives by October 31, 2017.

If you are interested in serving or nominating an individual to serve on the Telehealth Advisory Council, please visit www.AHCA.myflorida.com/Telehealth to obtain an application and instructions on how to apply.

Telehealth Survey

House Bill 7087 also requires the Agency for Health Care Administration, the Florida Department of Health, and the Office of Insurance Regulation to survey health care facilities, practitioners, and health insurers on the status and scope of telehealth activities in the state. The Agency is required to compile and submit a report of the survey findings to the Governor, the President of the Florida Senate, and the Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives by December 31, 2016.