

**RESOLUTION 02.2021-01 (A-22)**  
**TELEHEALTH ACROSS STATE LINES**

**ISMS Board Action Taken on 06/26/2021**

**Did not adopt Resolution 02.2021-01 (A-22).**

Council on Education & Health Workforce Recommendation to ISMS Board on  
06/26/2021

The author of the resolution, Dr. Raymond Dieter, was available for explanation and comment on the resolution and to address any questions. Dr. Dieter stated that the purpose of the resolution is to help facilitate the use of telemedicine across state lines for established patients of Illinois-licensed physicians when the patients temporarily travel out of state. While not specifically related to the increased flexibilities in the practice of telemedicine implemented because of the public health crisis, these flexibilities have led to an increased use of, and demand for, telemedicine services.

There was significant discussion about professional liability insurance issues and scope of practice issues that are inherent in the use of telemedicine in general. Several members noted that ISMS has established principles for the appropriate use of telemedicine, and that these principles support allowing a physician to provide care to existing patients while the physician or patient is traveling out of state. It was also noted that ISMS supports participation in the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact, which is one mechanism that can facilitate interstate telemedicine practice while preserving the integrity of individual state licensure requirements. Ultimately, the Council decided to recommend that Resolution 02.2021-01 (A-22) not be adopted as there is existing ISMS policy addressing these issues, and ISMS' telemedicine principles will remain strong and relevant after the public health emergency passes.

The Council on Education & Health Workforce recommends that the ISMS Board of Trustees not adopt Resolution 02.2021-01 (A-22).