

STAR REPORT SUMMARY

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- Successes with pre-COVID teletherapy practice in: OH, FL (managed Medicaid plans). Pending bills in HI, PA.
- Variable denials for coverage of transgender voice intervention by MCOs. States bordering WA note success in payment when sending patients to WA for therapy. Also some increased success when Gender Dysphoria is listed as the primary diagnosis rather than a voice specific diagnosis.
- ABA licensure pending in PA, with specific language to define the scope of behavioral providers, excluding treatment of speech and language disorders. IL is looking to oppose bill for licensure of ABA therapists to keep speech treatment within the scope of speech licensure only.
- Variation in success in payment for teletherapy nationally, with gubernatorial proclamations in some states only applying to commercial insurance and not MCOs. Continued variation in commercial payor requirements from state to state.
- Implementation of FEES varies state to state. Particular issues around physician supervision (physician on site for emergencies) and issues around confection control (use of sheaths). Most states/facilities do not allow use of sheaths over endoscopes and require sterile processing between patients.