Webinar recording now available: The future of telemedicine

The recording for the latest webinar in the AMA Advocacy Insights webinar, “The future of telemedicine,” is now available. In this webinar, AMA President Jack Resneck Jr., MD, was joined by Lisa Robin, MLA, chief advocacy officer of the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB), and Shawn P. Parker, JD, member of the FSMB Board of Directors and chair of the FSMB telemedicine workgroup.

The onset of the COVID-19 pandemic and the subsequent national public health emergency caused the use of telemedicine technologies to skyrocket. Legislators and regulators now have the opportunity to make permanent policy that supports many of these advancements throughout the pandemic and beyond.

To address this dramatic increase in telemedicine use, the FSMB House of Delegates adopted “The Appropriate Use of Telemedicine Technologies in the Practice of Medicine” (PDF) at their annual meeting in April, an update to their 2014 guidelines. The new document provides guidance to state medical boards on the use of telemedicine in the health care setting and can serve as a model policy for the permanent adoption of telemedicine at the state level. It addresses a number of concerns related to the continued implementation of telemedicine, including licensure, equitable access and the appropriate standard of care.

In this AMA Advocacy Insights webinar, experts from the FSMB provide an overview of the updated telemedicine policy. In addition, speakers discuss current state licensure laws regarding telemedicine and continued solutions that can be implemented moving forward.

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