



## TELEHEALTH LEGISLATION 2016 (HAWAII)

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***Four telehealth-related bills were introduced in the Hawaii State Legislature this session. See below for information about the legislation, status, and hearing notices. To track these bills and view the current testimony, you can go to:***

<http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov>

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### SB 2395/HB 1944

[Hawaii Senate Bill 2395](#)

*Public Hearing: February 4, 2016 at 1:15pm,  
Conference Room 016, State Capitol*

[Hawaii House Bill 1944](#)

*Public Hearing: February 5, 2016 at 9:15 am,  
Conference Room 329, State Capitol*

**Bill Summary:** Requires the State's medicaid managed care and fee-for-service programs to cover services provided through telehealth. Specifies medical professional liability insurance policy requirements with regard to telehealth coverage. Clarifies requirements for establishing provider-patient relationships for telehealth for purposes of reimbursement. Specifies reimbursement requirements for distant site and originating site providers. Requires written disclosure of coverages and benefits associated with telehealth services. Ensures telehealth

### SB 2469/HB 2577

[Hawaii Senate Bill 2469](#)

*No Public Hearing Scheduled. Referred to CPH,  
JDL*

[Hawaii House Bill 2577](#)

*Public Hearing: February 5, 2016 at 9:15 am,  
Conference Room 329, State Capitol*

**Bill Summary:** Requires patient approval prior to the delivery of any medical services through telehealth. Prohibits health insurance companies from limiting the setting where telehealth services are provided or requiring in-person contact between a patient and physician before the delivery of telehealth services.

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encompasses store and forward technologies, remote monitoring, live consultation, and mobile health. Ensures telehealth is covered when originating in a patient's home and other non-medical environments. Clarifies requirements for physicians and out-of-state physicians to establish a physician-patient relationship via telehealth. Ensures reimbursement requirements for telehealth services apply to all health benefits plans under chapter 87A, Hawaii Revised Statutes. Makes other conforming amendments related to telehealth.

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