

## Patients with Rare and Genetic Disorders Deserve Timely Access to Care by Medical Experts

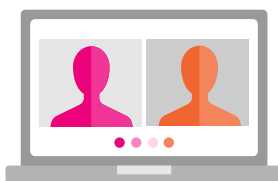
Many states do not allow patients with rare conditions to use telehealth to access physician specialists who practice medicine in other states.

With a limited number of medical experts in their rare conditions, telehealth across state lines is critical to accurate diagnosis and good disease management.



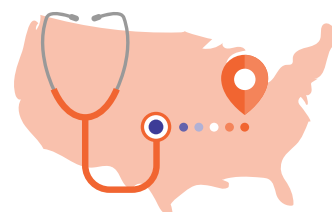
### Patients with Rare Conditions Need Expert Medical Care

- ➔ If you or your loved one is living with a rare condition, you know finding healthcare providers who really understand the disease is difficult.
- ➔ Often, good treatment is far from home and may even be in another state.



### Telehealth Improves Patient Access to Care

- ➔ The COVID-19 pandemic showed that telehealth significantly improves access to care, especially for patients with rare conditions.
- ➔ States should extend telehealth coverage laws beyond the pandemic to maintain these benefits.



### Where You Live Should Not Be an Impediment to Expert Care

- ➔ Without a license to practice medicine in the state where the patient lives, a physician cannot provide care and consult (even virtually).
- ➔ Since physician licensure rules are not uniform, patient access to virtual physician visits across state lines varies dramatically across the country.



## Let's Fix the Problem

1. States should adopt policies **exempting out-of-state physician experts** (who are licensed and in good standing in their own states) **from secondary in-state licensure requirements** when they are providing care via **telehealth for patients with rare disorders**.
2. All states should consider joining the **Interstate Medical Licensure Compact** to provide physicians an easier path toward licensure so they can provide care to patients from out-of-state.