Federal Regulations - Comments on Department of Veterans Affairs’ (VA) Telehealth Regulations

This proposed rulemaking would allow VA health care providers to provide care to VA patients through the use of telehealth, notwithstanding any state laws, rules, or licensure, registration, or certification requirements to the contrary. This means that VA physicians would have the authority to treat veterans via telehealth or telemedicine, regardless of where the patient is located. This would override the laws in California that require physicians who treat patients in California to be licensed in California. This would only apply to VA physicians providing care to veterans. Comments on this proposed rulemaking must be received on or before November 1, 2017.