

GOVERNOR DOUGLAS A. DUCEY

STATE OF ARIZONA

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EXECUTIVE ORDER

Executive Order 2021-13

Rescinding Telemedicine Executive Orders Due to Passage of Permanent Legislation

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, pursuant to A.R.S. §§ 26-303 and 36-787, a declaration of a Public Health State of Emergency was issued to prepare for, prevent, respond to, and mitigate the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, during the early days of the pandemic many individuals were advised to remain at home as much as possible to reduce the risk of exposure to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, individuals remaining at home during to avoid potential exposure to COVID-19 or quarantining due to a COVID-19 diagnosis still needed access to healthcare services; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, Executive Order 2020-07, *Proactive Measures to Protect Against COVID-19*, was issued which included paragraph 4 that required the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) and the Arizona Department of Insurance to require insurers to cover telemedicine visits at the same cost as in-person visits; and

WHEREAS, on March 25, 2020, Executive Order 2020-15, *Expansion of Telemedicine*, was issued to ensure that telemedicine was fully covered by insurance plans regulated by the State of Arizona, allow a patient's home to be an approved location to receive telemedicine, and expand the types of healthcare providers able to utilize telemedicine; and

WHEREAS, on April 1, 2020, Executive Order 2020-19, *Telemedicine for Pets and Animals*, was issued to ensure individuals had access to telemedicine to treat their pets and animals; and

WHEREAS, on April 14, 2020, Executive Order 2020-29, *Increased Telemedicine Access for Worker's Compensation*, was issued to ensure that injured workers had the ability to utilize telemedicine within the worker's compensation system; and

WHEREAS, continued access to telemedicine beyond the pandemic is important to ensuring that all Arizonans across the State, especially those in rural areas, have continued access to this option to receive care; and

WHEREAS, the Arizona State Legislature has acted to ensure this continued access to telemedicine by passing House Bill (HB) 2454; and

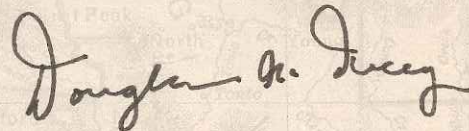
WHEREAS, H.B. 2454 is a comprehensive bill that includes an emergency clause making it effective upon signature, and thus the need for telemedicine flexibilities included in Executive Orders 2020-07, 2020-15, 2020-19, and 2020-29 no longer exist; and

WHEREAS, individuals will see no gap in their ability to access telemedicine services they have come to rely on.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State, including but not limited to A.R.S. §§ 26-303 and 36-787, hereby order as follows:

1. Paragraph 4 of Executive Order 2020-07, *Proactive Measures to Protect Against COVID-19*, is rescinded.
2. Executive Order 2020-15, *Expansion of Telemedicine*, is rescinded.
3. Executive Order 2020-19, *Telemedicine for Pets and Animals*, is rescinded.
4. Executive Order 2020-29, *Increased Telemedicine Access for Worker's Compensation*, is rescinded.
5. Claims filed under the provisions of these executive orders for healthcare services provided on or before May 5, 2020 shall survive their rescission.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona.



GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this fifth day of May in the year Two Thousand and Twenty One and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Forty-Fifth.

ATTEST:



Secretary of State

