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Board rescinds decision to end tele-prescribing flexibilities allowed by the Drug Enforcement Administration

During the April 2024 meeting, the Georgia Composite Medical Board reconsidered its position on the tele-prescribing flexibilities currently permitted by the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

The Board voted to rescind its decision to reinstate the Georgia telemedicine rules, which were expected to resume on May 1, 2024. The Board will permit Georgia practitioners to continue to follow the DEA/HHS tele-prescribing flexibilities through December 31, 2024. While the DEA is working through the federal rule process for proposed amendments, the Board will be reviewing its own rules.

DEA and HHS Links:

<https://www.dea.gov/documents/2023/2023-10/2023-10-06/dea-and-hhs-extend-telemedicine-flexibilities-through-2024>

<https://telehealth.hhs.gov/providers/telehealth-policy/prescribing-controlled-substances-via-telehealth>

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