

## Using telehealth and locum tenens to bridge healthcare gaps

Telehealth is gaining popularity among patients for the convenience and safety of receiving care in their homes. For healthcare organizations seeking to expand their telehealth services, Weatherby Healthcare has the physicians and advanced practice providers you need to staff your telehealth program across several specialties.

### How do physicians feel about telehealth?

Most physicians are comfortable performing telehealth visits.<sup>1</sup>

- 64%** do telehealth visits from their home
- 72%** use telehealth to deliver medical management
- 68%** use telehealth to manage chronic diseases

### Telehealth specialties available through Weatherby Healthcare

- Anesthesiology
- Cardiology
- Emergency medicine
- Family medicine
- Gastroenterology
- General surgery
- Hospitalist
- IM subspecialties
- Medical oncology
- Neurology
- Neurosurgery
- Obstetrics and gynecology
- Orthopedic surgery
- Pediatrics
- Pediatric subspecialties
- Psychiatry
- Pulmonology
- Radiation oncology
- Radiology
- Surgery subspecialties

### Using locum tenens in more flexible telehealth models

Healthcare organizations can use telehealth in either hybrid or fully remote models. Hybrid models allow for continuous patient care and flexibility, while remote options eliminate the travel and housing expenses associated with locums.

Telehealth locum providers are also valuable for staffing float pools:

- Able to adapt to a new environment and provide support where needed most
- Reduce the workload for employed staff, help prevent burnout, and ensure patient care remains uninterrupted
- Flex in during peak times or unexpected staff shortages

### Benefits and challenges of using locums for telehealth

The biggest challenge for using locums for telehealth is licensing when providers must be licensed in more than one state. Using locums for telehealth offers several benefits:

- Lower costs with travel and housing savings
- Flexibility for both providers and patients
- Increased patient access to care

Licensing can sometimes be a challenge when providers must be licensed in more than one state. Weatherby Healthcare offers licensing support that can simplify your administrative burden and ensure compliance with state regulations.

### Using locum tenens for telehealth

Using telehealth and locum tenens providers can be a cost-effective way for healthcare organizations to expand services, reach remote patients, and provide flexible scheduling while enhancing patient satisfaction.

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*Weatherby can help you staff your telehealth program with locum tenens providers. Give us a call at **954.343.3050** to learn more.*

<sup>1</sup> Inside the big variations in telehealth use among physicians. American Medical Association. <https://www.ama-assn.org/practice-management/digital/inside-big-variations-telehealth-use-among-physicians>