**Kreidler extends emergency order on telehealth to Jan. 10**

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OLYMPIA, Wash. – Insurance Commissioner Mike Kreidler [extended his emergency order](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDEsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMDEyMTEuMzE5MjIzNTEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5pbnN1cmFuY2Uud2EuZ292L21lZGlhLzk4Mjk_dXRtX2NvbnRlbnQ9JnV0bV9tZWRpdW09ZW1haWwmdXRtX25hbWU9JnV0bV9zb3VyY2U9Z292ZGVsaXZlcnkmdXRtX3Rlcm09In0.nm-fCoPnbbXbTY-sr75LQF-efiww0XFs9ywX6ThWkiM/s/378224589/br/91578444491-l), directing all state-regulated health insurers to make additional coverage changes to aid consumers during the coronavirus pandemic. His order is in effect until Jan. 10 and requires health insurers to:

* Continue coverage for providing telehealth via methods including telephone and video chat tools such as Facetime, Facebook Messenger video chat, Google Hangout video, Skype and Go-to-Meeting.
* Cover all medically necessary diagnostic testing for flu and certain other viral respiratory illnesses billed during a provider visit for COVID-19 with no copay, coinsurance or deductible.
* Treat drive-up testing sites for COVID-19 as provider visit with no copay, coinsurance or deductible.