





Experts identify which PHE flexibilities should stay in order to advance equitable, person-centered care.

Permanent Should be made permanent	
Promising Could be made permanent with modifications	
Temporary Could be ended and/or used in the future	
Paused Should not be made permanent	

RECOMMENDATION: **Permanent Flexibilities for Medicare**



Permanent

- **Allow reimbursement for:**
 - Telehealth in urban areas
 - Any location the patient prefers, including their home and telephone visits
 - Non MDs to provide telehealth
- **Waive three-day requirement for nursing home stays**

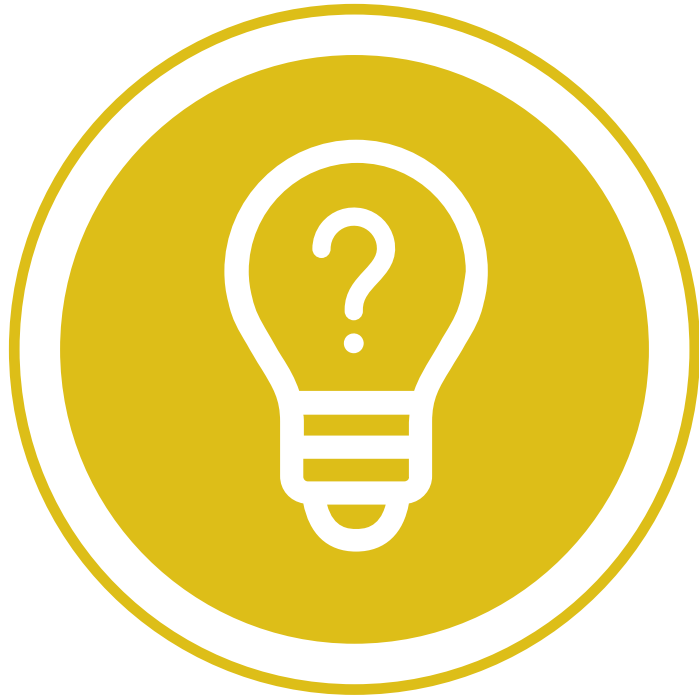
RECOMMENDATION: **Permanent Flexibilities for Medicaid**



Permanent

- **Expand waivers for state LTSS and HCBS telehealth**
- **Expand telehealth to include telephone-only**
- **Expedite requirements for out-of-state clinicians to provide and receive payment for LTSS**
- **Expand the number/types of clinicians who can order and provide LTSS/HCBS**
- **Institute/expand opportunities for “self-directed” HCBS like transportation, home-delivered meals, and paid family caregiving**

RECOMMENDATION: Promising Flexibilities for Medicare & Medicaid



Promising

Medicare	Medicaid
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Establish equal payment for select telehealth and in-person visits• Reimburse clinicians practicing across state lines• Make telehealth services eligible for risk adjustment under Medicare Advantage• Allow physicians to delegate tasks and visits to nonphysicians in nursing homes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Establish less restrictive income/asset rules for those most likely to use LTSS

RECOMMENDATION: Temporary Flexibilities for Medicare & Medicaid



Temporary

Medicare	Medicaid
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Allow Medicare Advantage to enhance benefits midyear• Waive physician supervision of certified registered nurse anesthetists at discretion of setting• Reduce physician supervision of nurse practitioners in select settings	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Increase payment for home and community-based services• Provide retainer payments to LTSS providers

RECOMMENDATION: Paused Flexibilities for Medicare & Medicaid



Paused

NONE:

- Experts did not identify any public health emergency flexibilities that should be paused or permanently end.

How to Use the *Roadmap for Policymakers*



- **Policymakers can use this *Roadmap* as an actionable tool to inform policy decision-making and strengthen both Medicare and Medicaid.**