

SOUTH CAROLINA  
**Telehealth**  
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SC Telehealth and Telemedicine Modernization Act Updates

The [South Carolina Telehealth and Telemedicine Act](#) has been amended as of March 11, 2024, to include the following major changes:

Previous Act	New Amendment Effective 3/11/2024
An in-person evaluation is required in order to prescribe new C-II and C-III medications (non-narcotics or narcotics) except in cases where an exception has been approved by the SC Medical Board.	<p>Inclusion of the following exceptions that do not require an in-person evaluation in order to prescribe new C-II and C-III narcotics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• when the practice of telemedicine is being conducted while the patient is physically located in a hospital and being treated by a practitioner acting in the usual course of professional practice; or</li> <li>• when buprenorphine is being prescribed as a medication for opioid use disorder; or</li> <li>• for patients enrolled in palliative care or hospice; or</li> <li>• any other programs specifically authorized by SC Medical Board.</li> </ul> <p>C-II and C-III non-narcotics are allowable to be prescribed without an in-person evaluation or special permission from the Board.</p>
APRNs may perform medical acts via telemedicine pursuant to a practice agreement.	Amendment to the Nurse Practice Act that an APRN may perform medical acts and prescribe C-II and C-III medications via telemedicine and telehealth pursuant to a practice agreement <i>without having to be licensed to practice medicine in SC.</i>
No definition for telehealth.	Definition of telehealth created as <i>“the use of electronic communications, information technology, or other means to deliver clinical health care, patient and professional health-related education, public health, or health administration between a licensee in one location and a patient in another location with or without an intervening licensee.”</i>

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