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What Medicare Beneficiaries Need to Know About the End of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Rules

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Erin Whaley, a partner in the firm’s Health Sciences Group, was quoted in the May 12, 2023 *Fortune* article, [“What Medicare Beneficiaries Need to Know About the End of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Rules.”](#)

“The good news is that Medicare beneficiaries receiving telehealth will be able to do so through at least December 31, 2024,” says Erin Whaley, health sciences partner at the Troutman Pepper law firm in Richmond, Va.

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Medicare beneficiaries are now only covered for telehealth monitoring of, say, a continuous glucose monitor for diabetes if they are already patients of the doctor providing this care, notes Whaley.

“That’s changing back to the pre-pandemic rules, where you could only get remote monitoring if you were an ‘established’ patient,” she says. If you don’t have a doctor for remote monitoring, you now need to find one to become an established patient, she adds.

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The waiver, Whaley says, was partly to avoid overcrowding in hospitals during the pandemic. It sometimes helped Medicare beneficiaries with injuries from falls get rehab treatment in skilled nursing facilities.

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