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## FL Advocate Newsletter

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### REGULATORY ALERT - JUNE 25, 2021

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#### **CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE TELEHEALTH PRESCRIBING RULES RE-ENACTED**

When Governor Desantis opted not to renew the State of Emergency Declaration this past weekend, he allowed to expire special rules that allowed for the prescribing of controlled substances to existing patients through telehealth. Members are reminded that, effective immediately, controlled substances may only be prescribed through an in-person examination, with the only exceptions being hospice/nursing home and psychiatric patients.

In the coming days, it is also very likely that President Biden will end the National Emergency, at which time special Stark and HIPAA exemptions also will come to an end. Again, members are reminded that the federal government will soon resume enforcement of these laws and should govern themselves accordingly.

Should members have questions, they may contact Chapter General Counsel Chris Nuland at [nulandlaw@aol.com](mailto:nulandlaw@aol.com).

Thank you.

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## ADVOCATES FOR INTERNAL MEDICINE NETWORK

Join more than 15,000 colleagues in the Advocates for Internal Medicine Network (AIMn) in advocating for the interests of internal medicine in Washington, D.C. The AIMn program is for ACP members interested in participating in federal advocacy. It is designed to help members engage with their federal lawmakers on policy issues important to ACP and internal medicine.

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## LEGISLATIVE ACTION CENTER

As key issues approach the decision-making stage on Capitol Hill, the College emails or faxes legislative alerts to AIMn members through our Legislative Action Center (LAC). Legislative alerts include all of the necessary information (including sample messages that can be easily personalized) to make informative contacts with members of Congress, and ACP staff is always available to provide support and answer legislative questions.

Once enrolled as an Advocate you can use the College's LAC to respond easily to current ACP legislative alerts, identify your federal legislators, monitor important legislation, and e-mail or call your members of Congress.

**Legislative Action Center:** <https://cqrcengage.com/acplac/home?0>