

## **LEGISLATIVE ENVIRONMENT**

### **Laws**

H.B. 1038 (effective Jan. 31, 2017):

Public employees retirement system insurance must provide coverage “under a policy that provides coverage for health services delivered by means of telehealth which is the same as the coverage for health services delivered by in-person means.” This coverage must apply to all group and individual policies.

H.B. 1323 (effective Aug. 1, 2015):

The state’s comprehensive stroke care system’s task force must recommend health care services related to stroke that could be delivered via telemedicine.

H.R. 6353 (the Ryan Haight Online Pharmacy Consumer Protection Act of 2008):

Established requirements for the use of telemedicine as part of online pharmacies’ operations.

## **INTERESTED GROUPS**

### **Alliance Members**

- Great Plains Telehealth Resource & Assistance Center ([gptrac.org](http://gptrac.org))
- North Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs ([nd.gov/veterans](http://nd.gov/veterans))
- North Dakota Veterans of Foreign Wars Network ([myvfw.org/northdakota](http://myvfw.org/northdakota))
- Valley City Regional Hospital
- City-County Health District of Barnes County ([citycountyhealth.org/](http://citycountyhealth.org/))
- Mental Health North Dakota ([mhand.org](http://mhand.org))

### **Potential Allies**

- U.S. Senator Jocelyn Conrad
- State Senator Ron Bowman
- Treatment Advocacy Center – North Dakota (<http://www.treatmentadvocacycenter.org/legal-resources/north-dakota>)
- National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors Research Institute (possible data source) ([nri-inc.org](http://nri-inc.org))
- North Dakota Mental Health Counselors Association ([ndmhca.org](http://ndmhca.org))