

COVID-19 TELEMEDICINE ACT (LAW #13,988 OF APRIL 14, 2020)

REGULATES THE USE OF TELEMEDICINE DURING THE CORONAVIRUS (SARS-COV-2) CRISIS

Article 1. This Act authorizes the practice of telemedicine during the coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2) crisis.

Article 2. During the coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2) crisis, the use of telemedicine is authorized as an emergency measure.

Sole ¶. (VETOED).

Article 3. Telemedicine is defined, among other examples, as the practice of medicine by means of technology for the purposes of care, research, prevention of diseases and injuries, and health promotion.

Article 4. The doctor must disclose to the patient all limitations of telemedicine, considering the impossibility of performing a physical examination in the remote medical appointment.

Article 5. Telemedicine practice shall comply with the normative and ethical regulations of in-person medical appointments, including the provisions regarding the payment for the provided services. Its funding or payment is not a responsibility of the Government, unless when the service is provided exclusively by the Public Healthcare System (SUS).

Article 6. (VETOED).

Article 7. This Statute will enter into force on its publication date.

Brasilia, April 15, 2020.