KHF has corresponded with Daniel Dorsey, Executive Director GCMB, please see below for clarification from the Board on the rules about prescribing medications via telemedicine:

- A patient must be **examined once "in-person" before a prescription** for a controlled substance can be given. (Rule 360-3-.02(5))
- That same patient must be examined **each year "in-person"** to continue to receive a prescription for a controlled substance (Rule 360-3-.07(8)).
- **After the first "in-person" visit, that same patient can receive a prescription for a controlled substance "in-between" those "in-person" visits, via telemedicine.**

Other rules that apply to telemedicine that prescribers should also follow include:

- **Rule 360-3-.02 Unprofessional Conduct Define**
- **Rule 360-3-.07 Practice Through Electronic or Other Such Means**

The Georgia Composite Medical Board is developing answers to frequently asked questions about telemedicine and plans to publish those after the February Board meeting (February 1, 2024).

It should be noted that the Board does not forbid tele-prescribing.

The Board will clarify its rules and **revisit the issue by May 1, 2024,** at which time all licensees should refer the Medical Practice Act and Board Rules for proper prescribing practices in Georgia.

***Please note: This update does not change the rule prohibiting prescribing across state lines.**