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SENATE BILL No. 554

DIGEST OF SB 554 (Updated February 21, 2013 10:15 am - DI 44)

Citations Affected: IC 12-7; IC 12-15.

Synopsis: Telehealth and telemedicine services under Medicaid. Requires the office of Medicaid policy and planning to reimburse: (1) a home health agency for telehealth services; and (2) a federally qualified health center and a rural health clinic for telemedicine services; under the Medicaid program.

Effective: July 1, 2013.

Becker, Leising, Breaux,
Miller Patricia, Charbonneau, Grooms,
Hershman

January 14, 2013, read first time and referred to Committee on Health and Provider Services.
February 7, 2013, amended, reported favorably — Do Pass; reassigned to Committee on Appropriations.
February 21, 2013, reported favorably — Do Pass.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type.~~

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~*this style type*~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2012 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning Medicaid.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. IC 12-7-2-190.3 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013]: **Sec. 190.3. "Telehealth services", for purposes of IC 12-15-5-11, has the meaning set forth in IC 12-15-5-11(a).**

SECTION 2. IC 12-7-2-190.4 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013]: **Sec. 190.4. "Telemedicine services", for purposes of IC 12-15-5-11, has the meaning set forth in IC 12-15-5-11(b).**

SECTION 3. IC 12-15-5-11 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013]: **Sec. 11. (a) As used in this section, "telehealth services" means the use of telecommunications and information technology to provide access to health assessment, diagnosis, intervention, consultation, supervision, and information across a distance.**

(b) As used in this section, "telemedicine services" means a

specific method of delivery of services, including medical exams and consultations, using videoconferencing equipment to allow a provider to render an examination or other service to a patient at a distant location. The term does not include the use of the following:

(1) A telephone transmitter for transtelephonic monitoring.

(2) A telephone or any other means of communication for the consultation from one (1) provider to another provider.

(c) The office shall reimburse a Medicaid provider who is licensed as a home health agency under IC 16-27-1 for telehealth services.

(d) The office shall reimburse the following Medicaid providers for telemedicine services:

(1) A federally qualified health center (as defined in 42 U.S.C. 1396d(l)(2)(B)).

(2) A rural health clinic (as defined in 42 U.S.C. 1396d(l)(1)).

(c) The office may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 necessary to implement and administer this section.

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Health and Provider Services, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 554, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

Page 1, between lines 5 and 6, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 2. IC 12-7-2-190.4 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013]: **Sec. 190.4. "Telemedicine services", for purposes of IC 12-15-5-11, has the meaning set forth in IC 12-15-5-11(b).**".

Page 1, line 12, after "(b)" insert "**As used in this section, "telemedicine services" means a specific method of delivery of services, including medical exams and consultations, using videoconferencing equipment to allow a provider to render an examination or other service to a patient at a distant location. The term does not include the use of the following:**

(1) A telephone transmitter for transtelephonic monitoring.

(2) A telephone or any other means of communication for the consultation from one (1) provider to another provider.

(c)".

Page 1, line 12, delete "the following Medicaid providers" and insert "**a Medicaid provider who is licensed as a home health agency under IC 16-27-1 for telehealth services.**".

Page 1, delete lines 13 through 15, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"**(d) The office shall reimburse the following Medicaid providers for telemedicine services:**".

Page 1, line 16, delete "(2)" and insert "**(1)**".

Page 2, line 1, delete "(3)" and insert "**(2)**".

Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

and when so amended that said bill do pass and be reassigned to the Senate Committee on Appropriations.

(Reference is to SB 554 as introduced.)

MILLER PATRICIA, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0.

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Appropriations, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 554, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill DO PASS.

(Reference is made to Senate Bill 554 as printed February 8, 2013.)

KENLEY, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 12, Nays 0.

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