

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:

- 1 Page 1, between lines 5 and 6, begin a new paragraph and insert:
2 "SECTION 2. IC 12-7-2-190.4 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
3 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
4 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013]: **Sec. 190.4. "Telemedicine services",**
5 **for purposes of IC 12-15-5-11, has the meaning set forth in**
6 **IC 12-15-5-11(b)."**
7 Page 1, line 12, after "(b)" insert "As used in this section,
8 "telemedicine services" means a specific method of delivery of
9 services, including medical exams and consultations, using
10 videoconferencing equipment to allow a provider to render an
11 examination or other service to a patient at a distant location. The
12 term does not include the use of the following:
13 (1) A telephone transmitter for transtelephonic monitoring.
14 (2) A telephone or any other means of communication for the
15 consultation from one (1) provider to another provider.
16 (c)".
17 Page 1, line 12, delete "the following Medicaid providers" and insert
18 "a Medicaid provider who is licensed as a home health agency
19 under IC 16-27-1 for telehealth services."
20 Page 1, delete lines 13 through 15, begin a new paragraph and
21 insert:

- 1 **"(d) The office shall reimburse the following Medicaid providers**
- 2 **for telemedicine services:".**
- 3 Page 1, line 16, delete "(2)" and insert **"(1)"**.
- 4 Page 2, line 1, delete "(3)" and insert **"(2)"**.
- 5 Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.
(Reference is to SB 554 as introduced.)

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

Committee Vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0.

Senator Miller Patricia, Chairperson