

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, statement not yet issued

Action: Without Recommendation as to Passage and Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

Vote: 5 - 0 - 0

Yeas: Carter, Gordly, Kruse, Courtney, Monnes Anderson

Nays: 0

Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 4/9, 4/25, 4/30

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires health insurers and Department of Human Services, through state medical assistance program, to cover services performed using telemedicine. Requires Director of Department of Consumer and Business Services and Director of Human Services to adopt rules.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Access to health care
- Rural use of telemedicine

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Defines telemedicine. Clarifies insurance coverage of telemedicine. Replaces references of "face-to-face" consultations with "in-person" consultations.

BACKGROUND: 'Telemedicine' means using telecommunications technology to deliver healthcare, including but not limited to clinical diagnosis, clinical services and patient consultation.