

House Bill 3378

Sponsored by Representative PARRISH; Representative THOMPSON

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Requires health benefit plans provided by Public Employees' Benefit Board and Oregon Educators Benefit Board to provide telemedicine services to eligible employees.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to provision of telemedicine services by certain benefit plans; and declaring an emergency.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2013 Act is added to and made a part of ORS 243.105 to**
5 **243.285.**

6 **SECTION 2. (1) All contracts for a health benefit plan entered into by the Public**
7 **Employees' Benefit Board must allow for the provision of telemedicine services to eligible**
8 **employees.**

9 **(2) As used in this section, "telemedicine" means the delivery of health care in the form**
10 **of assessment, diagnosis, treatment, consultation, transfer and interpretation of medical**
11 **data and patient education by a telemedicine provider directly to a patient through audio,**
12 **video, data transfer or other electronic means.**

13 **SECTION 3. Section 4 of this 2013 Act is added to and made a part of ORS 243.860 to**
14 **243.886.**

15 **SECTION 4. (1) All contracts for a health benefit plan entered into by the Oregon Edu-**
16 **cators Benefit Board must allow for the provision of telemedicine services to eligible em-**
17 **ployees.**

18 **(2) As used in this section, "telemedicine" means the delivery of health care in the form**
19 **of assessment, diagnosis, treatment, consultation, transfer and interpretation of medical**
20 **data and patient education by a telemedicine provider directly to a patient through audio,**
21 **video, data transfer or other electronic means.**

22 **SECTION 5. Sections 2 and 4 of this 2013 Act apply to contracts for health benefit plans**
23 **entered into on or after the effective date of this 2013 Act.**

24 **SECTION 6. This 2013 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
25 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2013 Act takes effect**
26 **on its passage.**

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NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.