



Re: SB 1560-- Relating to Telemedicine Services

Dear Chair Monnes Anderson and members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on SB 1560.

Trillium is supportive of the advancement of telemedicine services. However, we are concerned that passage of SB 1560 is premature without an opportunity to have detailed conversations and the bill can be fully vetted. There is potential that changing the way these services are delivered and covered could have a meaningful financial impact. Additionally, we are trying to change the model in which healthcare services are delivered. This bill perpetuates the fee for service model. It doesn't make sense to implement policies that align specific services with a model that eventually will be phased out.

As a CCO and potential PEBB health plan, Trillium is committed to thoughtfully transforming the delivery system to produce better outcomes, deliver better care, and achieve savings for the State. In order to do this, policies that would change the way primary care visits are performed and covered requires significantly more thought and discussion than can be had in a few short weeks of this legislative session.

We respectfully request that you consider creating a work group or some other forum for additional consideration of this policy before moving forward with the promising concept of advancing telemedicine services.

Sincerely,

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