

**A-Engrossed**  
**Senate Bill 786**

Ordered by the Senate April 10  
Including Senate Amendments dated April 10

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE

**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.

Requires [*health care regulatory boards*] **Oregon Board of Dentistry** to allow [*health care practitioner*] **dental care provider** to use telehealth when [*health care practitioner*] **dental care provider** determines telehealth is appropriate. **Requires board to treat provision of dental care service in same manner regardless of method of delivery of dental care service.**

**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

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2 Relating to telehealth.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section, "telehealth" means a variety of methods, through**  
5 **the use of electronic and telecommunications technologies, for the distance delivery of health**  
6 **care services, including dental care services, and clinical information designed to improve a**  
7 **patient's health status and to enhance delivery of the health care services and clinical in-**  
8 **formation.**

9 **(2) A dental care provider authorized by the Oregon Board of Dentistry to practice dental**  
10 **care services may use telehealth if:**

11 **(a) In the professional judgment of the dental care provider, the use of telehealth is an**  
12 **appropriate manner in which to provide a dental care service; and**

13 **(b) The dental care provider is providing a dental care service that is within the scope**  
14 **of practice of the dental care provider.**

15 **(3) The use of telehealth as described in subsection (2) of this section is not an expansion**  
16 **of the scope of practice of a dental care provider.**

17 **(4) The board shall treat a dental care service that is delivered by a dental care provider**  
18 **through telehealth as described in subsection (2) of this section the same as the board treats**  
19 **the dental care service when delivered in person. The board shall apply identical quality and**  
20 **practice standards to a particular dental care service regardless of the method of delivery**  
21 **of the dental care service.**

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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.