

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 1580

By: Caldwell

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to insurance; amending 36 O.S. 2011, Section 6803, which relates to coverage of telemedicine services; requiring reimbursement of telemedicine services to be the same as reimbursement of in-person health care services; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 36 O.S. 2011, Section 6803, is amended to read as follows:

Section 6803. A. For services that a health care practitioner determines to be appropriately provided by means of telemedicine, health care service plans, disability insurer programs, workers' compensation programs, or state Medicaid managed care program contracts issued, amended, or renewed on or after January 1, 1998, shall not require ~~person-to-person~~ in-person contact between a health care practitioner and a patient.

B. Reimbursement of health care services performed by means of telemedicine shall be the same as the reimbursement if the care had

1 been performed with in-person contact between a health care  
2 practitioner and a patient.

3 C. Subsection A of this section shall apply to health care  
4 service plan contracts with the state Medicaid managed care program  
5 only to the extent that both of the following apply:

6 1. Telemedicine services are covered by, and reimbursed under,  
7 the fee-for-service provisions of the state Medicaid managed care  
8 program; and

9 2. State Medicaid managed care program contracts with health  
10 care service plans are amended to add coverage of telemedicine  
11 services and make any appropriate capitation rate adjustments.

12 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2017.

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