

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 2840

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to insurance; amending 36 O.S. 2011, Section 6803, which relates to coverage of telemedicine services; requiring health benefit plans to reimburse health care practitioners for certain services at a certain rate; requiring state Medicaid program to reimburse health care practitioners for certain services and to amend certain contracts; 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 contact between a health care practitioner and a patient.

B. Any health benefit plan that is offered, issued, or renewed on or after November 1, 2021, shall reimburse health care

1 practitioners for telemedicine services at the same rate as in-
2 person visits pursuant to the terms of the health benefit plan.

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

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

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

14 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2021.

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