

BILL SUMMARY
1st Session of the 58th Legislature

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| Bill No.: | SB674 |
| Version: | ENGR |
| Request Number: | NA |
| Author: | McEntire |
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| Impact: | No impact |

Research Analysis

SB 674 requires every health benefit plan offered in the state to provide coverage of telemedicine. No insurer may exclude a service for coverage solely because the service is provided through telemedicine and is not provided through in-person consultation or contact between a health care professional and a patient for services.

The measure defines the following terms in the act:

- Distant site
- Health benefit plan
- Health care professional
- Insurer
- mHealth
- Originating site
- Remote patient monitoring services
- Store and forward transfer
- Telemedicine

Reimbursements for telemedicine services must be provided on the same basis and at least at the rate of reimbursement that the insurer is responsible for coverage for the provision of the same service through in-person consultation. Additionally, any benefit restrictions imposed on telemedicine treatments must be equally applied to in-person treatments. Lastly, no insurer may prohibit the prescription of medicine through telemedicine that are more restrictive than applicable state and federal law.

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Fiscal Analysis

After review, SB 674 has no fiscal or revenue considerations to the state.

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Other Considerations

None.

