

Bill Summary
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Bill 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. Reimbursements for telemedicine services may not exceed the copayment or coinsurance applied. Additionally, any benefit restrictions imposed on telemedicine treatments must be equally applied to in-person treatments. Additionally, no insurer may prohibit the prescription of medicine through telemedicine that are more restrictive than applicable state and federal law. Additionally, the State Department of Health is directed to request a report from the Statewide Health Information Exchange that will provide the data outlined in the measure.

House Amendments

HA's to the measure add the requirement for the Department of Health to request the report and modifies the minimum reimbursement provided for telemedicine services.

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