

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 681

By: Murdock

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to telemedicine; amending Section 1, Chapter 228, O.S.L. 2017 (59 O.S. Supp. 2020, Section 478), which relates to definitions; modifying definition; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 228, O.S.L. 2017 (59 O.S. Supp. 2020, Section 478), is amended to read as follows:

Section 478. ~~A.~~ As used in this act:

1. "Store and forward technologies" means the transmission of a patient's medical information from an originating site to the physician or practitioner at the distant site; provided, photographs visualized by a telecommunications system shall be specific to the patient's medical condition and adequate for furnishing or confirming a diagnosis or treatment plan; and

2. "Telemedicine" means the practice of health care delivery, diagnosis, consultation, evaluation and treatment, transfer of medical data or exchange of medical education information by means

1 of a two-way, real-time interactive communication, not to exclude
2 store and forward technologies, between a patient and a physician
3 with access to and reviewing the patient's relevant clinical
4 information prior to the telemedicine visit.

5 "Telemedicine" and "store and forward technologies" shall ~~not~~
6 include consultations provided by telephone ~~audio-only~~
7 communication, ~~electronic mail, text message, instant messaging~~
8 ~~conversation, adaptive website questionnaire, nonsecure or secure~~
9 video conference ~~or facsimile machine~~.

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

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