



Senate Bill 3006
Health Care Reqs; COVID-19; Telehealth
Sectional Analysis: Version 32-GS3384\A

- Section 1. States the purpose of this Act is to provide for mitigation measures that will enhance the state's ongoing efforts to reduce the spread of COVID-19 under the uncoded law.
- Section 2. Allows the DOI director to order health care insurers to waive utilization review requirements by adding a new subsection (f) to AS 21.06.080: General Powers, Duties; Catastrophes.
- Section 3. Suspends the requirements, under AS 08.64.170 (medical) and AS 08.68.160 (nursing), to allow health care providers licensed, permitted, or certified in good standing in another jurisdiction to provide telehealth and telemedicine services to patients in Alaska without being required to obtain an Alaska license or first conduct an in-person physical exam, from the effective date of this Act to July 1, 2022. This does not allow a health care professional not licensed in Alaska to provide in-person treatment in Alaska or to prescribe a controlled substance.
- Section 4. Suspends the requirements, under AS 47.05.300 – AS 47.05.390, as these statutes pertain to background checks for employees of hospitals and nursing facilities, from the effective date of this Act to July 1, 2022. It requires hospitals and nursing facilities to provide sufficient information to attest to the hiring process for all employees at the facility and confirm that a background check has been conducted as part of the hiring process.
- Section 5. Provides for an immediate effective date.