

Fiscal Note

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Identifier: SB078-DHSS-MAA-2-26-2021
Title: HEALTH CARE SERVICES BY TELEHEALTH
Sponsor: LABOR & COMMERCE
Requester: (S) HSS

Department: Department of Health and Social Services
Appropriation: Health Care Services
Allocation: Medical Assistance Administration
OMB Component Number: 242

Expenditures/Revenues

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below. (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2022	Included in	Out-Year Cost Estimates					
	Appropriation Requested	Governor's FY2022 Request	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2022	FY 2022						
Personal Services	***		***	***	***	***	***	***
Travel								
Services								
Commodities								
Capital Outlay								
Grants & Benefits								
Miscellaneous								
Total Operating	***	0.0	***	***	***	***	***	***

Fund Source (Operating Only)

None								
Total	***	0.0	***	***	***	***	***	***

Positions

Full-time								
Part-time								
Temporary								

Change in Revenues

None								
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2021) cost: 0.0 *(separate supplemental appropriation required)*

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2022) cost: 0.0 *(separate capital appropriation required)*

Does the bill create or modify a new fund or account? No
(Supplemental/Capital/New Fund - discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency? Yes
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? 07/01/22

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version/comments:

Not applicable; initial version.

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

This bill allows a health provider to treat, diagnose, and prescribe, dispense, and administer non-controlled substances through telehealth modes of delivery, without first conducting an in-person examination of the patient, if: the provider is licensed, permitted, or certified and in good standing in another jurisdiction; the services are within the provider's scope of practice in the jurisdiction that issued his/her license, permit, or certification; and the provider will refer the patient for services that are beyond his/her scope of practice.

The department is unable to accurately project the cost of implementing the provisions of this bill at this time. Depending on the number of providers, outside of Alaska, that choose to provide telehealth services for Alaska Medicaid Program recipients, the Division of Health Care Services (DHCS) will need additional staff to accommodate the increases in codes for telehealth care; coordinating with the current fiscal agent on provider enrollment; monitoring and evaluating Medicaid authorizations; and working on claims processing and reimbursement for telehealth service providers to ensure compliance with state and federal laws and regulations.