

Fiscal Note

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

Department: Department of Health and Social Services
Appropriation: Medicaid Services
Allocation: Medicaid Services
OMB Component Number: 3234

Expenditures/Revenues

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

(Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2022 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2022 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2022	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
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

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If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? 07/01/22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

STATE OF ALASKA
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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. The Division of Health Care Services (DHCS) may be responsible for configuration changes to the Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS) to add a new provider type that will be required along with associated business rule changes completed by the system contractor, and the Pharmacy Point-of-Sale. Additional costs are expected to be incurred from increased nurse prescribing prescription costs which are not reimbursed currently as well as an increase to call center volume.