



March 8, 2021

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Establishes store-and-forward telemedicine services as services which create a provider-patient relationship where there may be no in-person exchange between the provider and patient.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (004368): Deletes and replaces all language after the enacting clause such that the only substantive change is to establish that asynchronous computer-based communications may include the transfer of medical data in an image captured or created by a camera or similar device.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

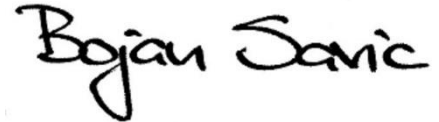
Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 63-1-155(a)(2), telehealth, telemedicine, and provider-based telemedicine mean the use of real time audio, video, or other electronic media and telecommunication technology that enables interaction between a healthcare provider and a patient, or also store-and-forward telemedicine services for the purpose of diagnosis, consultation, or treatment of a patient at a distant site where there may be no in-person exchange between a healthcare provider and a patient.
- The proposed language redefines store-and-forward telemedicine services for purposes of establishment of provider-patient relationships and standards of practice.
- Based on information provided by the Division of TennCare (Division), redefining store-and-forward telemedicine services will not impact how the Division reimburses for telehealth, telemedicine, provider-based telemedicine or store-and-forward telemedicine services; therefore, any fiscal impact to the Division is not significant.
- Based on information provided by the Division of Benefits Administration, the provisions of the legislation will not result in any new payment requirement; therefore, any fiscal impact to Benefits Administration is estimated to be not significant.
- No fiscal impact on the operations of the Department of Commerce and Insurance.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bojan Savic". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent 'B' and 'S'.

Bojan Savic, Interim Executive Director

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