



# *State of Tennessee*

## **PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 1027**

**SENATE BILL NO. 1881**

**By Massey, Bowling, Yager**

Substituted for: House Bill No. 2857

By Hill, Brock Martin, McCalmon, Darby, Davis, Terry, Hazlewood, Cochran, Helton-Haynes, Grills

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 56-7-1003, relative to telemedicine.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 56-7-1003(a)(6)(A)(iii), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting:

(iii)(a) The healthcare services provider makes use of HIPAA compliant real-time, interactive audio, video telecommunications or electronic technology, or store-and-forward telemedicine services to deliver healthcare services to a patient within the scope of practice of the healthcare services provider as long as the healthcare services provider, the healthcare services provider's practice group, or the healthcare system has established a provider-patient relationship by submitting to a health insurance entity evidence of an in-person encounter between the healthcare services provider, the healthcare services provider's practice group, or the healthcare system and the patient prior to the interactive visit;

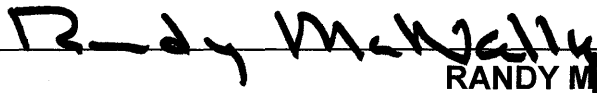
(b) The healthcare services provider, the healthcare services provider's practice group, or the healthcare system is able to render the healthcare services through an in-person encounter; and

(c) The requirement of an in-person encounter between the healthcare services provider, the healthcare services provider's practice group, or the healthcare system and the patient prior to the interactive visit does not apply to a patient who is receiving an initial behavioral health evaluation or assessment;

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.


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PASSED: April 24, 2024

  
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RANDY McNALLY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
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CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 28<sup>th</sup> day of May 2024

  
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BILL LEE, GOVERNOR