

South Central Telehealth Resource Center - Oct. 2018

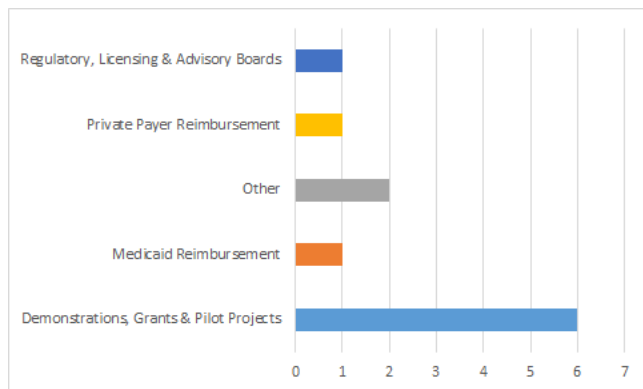
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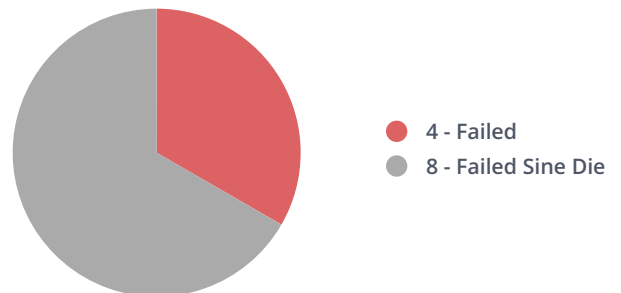
A few notes about this report:

1. Bills are organized into specific telehealth "topic area".
2. The Fiscal Note (FN) Outlook: The left hand column indicates the bill's Pre-Floor Score, and the right hand column indicates the bill's actual Floor Score of the last chamber it was in (either Senate or House).
3. Regulations are listed at the end in order of their publication date.
4. If you would like to learn more about any piece of legislation or regulation, the bill numbers and regulation titles are clickable and link out to additional information.

Bills by Topic



Bills by Status



All Bills (by topic area)

Demonstrations, Grants & Pilot Projects (6)

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
TN	HB 518	Taken Off Notice For Cal In S C Health Subcommittee Of Health Committee 2018 03 21	Failed sine die	None	None

Title

Health Care - As introduced, requires the commissioner of health to study and report on recommendations for legislation concerning telehealth and telemedicine under existing statutes to the health committee of the house of representatives and the health and welfare committee of the senate by January 15, 2018. - Amends TCA Title 56 and Title 63.

Bill Summary: Requires the commissioner of health to study and report on recommendations for legislation concerning telehealth and telemedicine under existing statute. The recommendations must examine the need for improving the effective use of telemedicine and telehealth among healthcare providers and insurers.

Primary Sponsors

Cameron Sexton

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
TN	HB 2091	Taken Off Notice For Cal In S C Health Subcommittee Of Health Committee 2018 02 28	Failed sine die	None	None

Title

Healthcare Liability - As introduced, requires the commissioner of health to study and report on recommendations for legislation concerning telehealth and telemedicine under existing statutes to the health committee of the house of representatives and the health and welfare committee of the senate by January 15, 2019. - Amends TCA Title 56; Title 63; Title 68 and Title 71.

Bill Summary: Relates to Healthcare Liability; requires the commissioner of health to study and report on recommendations for legislation concerning telehealth and telemedicine under existing statutes to the health committee of the house of representatives and the Health and Welfare Committee of the senate by January 15, 2019.

Primary Sponsors

Michael Curcio

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
TN	HB 2419	Taken Off Notice For Cal In S C Local Government Subcommittee Of Local Government Committee 2018 03 28	Failed sine die	None	None

Title

Local Government, General - As introduced, requires the comptroller of the treasury to study the feasibility of an enterprise zone pilot project in Shelby County and to report findings and recommendations to the general assembly no later than July 15, 2019. - Amends TCA Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 9; Title 13; Title 63; Title 66; Title 67; Title 68 and Title 71.

Bill Summary: The comptroller of the treasury shall study the feasibility of establishing an enterprise zone pilot project in the Orange Mound community in Shelby County. The pilot project would provide incentives for independent senior living facilities that would support independence for seniors by enabling them to receive telehealth services at home, and it would provide incentives to businesses and other entities that increase access to fresh produce and other health food for residents of the enterprise zone pilot project. The comptroller shall report findings, along with any recommendations, to the members of the general assembly no later than January 15, 2019.

Primary Sponsors

G.A. Hardaway

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
TN	SB 601	Deferred To Summer Study 2018 03 20	Failed sine die	None	None

Title

Health Care - As introduced, requires the commissioner of health to study and report on recommendations for legislation concerning telehealth and telemedicine under existing statutes to the health committee of the house of representatives and the health and welfare committee of the senate by January 15, 2018. - Amends TCA Title 56 and Title 63.

Bill Summary: Requires the commissioner of health to study and report on recommendations for legislation concerning telehealth and telemedicine under existing statute. The recommendations must examine the need for improving the effective use of telemedicine and telehealth among healthcare providers and insurers.

Primary Sponsors

Mark Green

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
TN	SB 2032	Assigned To General Subcommittee Of Senate Commerce And Labor Committee 2018 03 13	Failed sine die	None	None

Title

Healthcare Liability - As introduced, requires the commissioner of health to study and report on recommendations for legislation concerning telehealth and telemedicine under existing statutes to the health committee of the house of representatives and the health and welfare committee of the senate by January 15, 2019. - Amends TCA Title 56; Title 63; Title 68 and Title 71.

Bill Summary: Relates to Healthcare Liability; requires the commissioner of health to study and report on recommendations for legislation concerning telehealth and telemedicine under existing statutes to the health committee of the house of representatives and the Health and Welfare Committee of the senate by January 15, 2019.

Primary Sponsors

Mark Green

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
TN	SB 2410	Assigned To General Subcommittee Of Senate State And Local Government Committee 2018 03 27	Failed sine die	None	None

Title

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Bill Summary: The comptroller of the treasury shall study the feasibility of establishing an enterprise zone pilot project in the Orange Mound community in Shelby County. The pilot project would provide incentives for independent senior living facilities that would support independence for seniors by enabling them to receive telehealth services at home, and it would provide incentives to businesses and other entities that increase access to fresh produce and other health food for residents of the enterprise zone pilot project. The comptroller shall report findings, along with any recommendations, to the members of the general assembly no later than January 15, 2019.

Primary Sponsors

Sara Kyle

Medicaid Reimbursement (1)

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
MS	HB 1229	Died In Committee 2018 01 30	Failed	None	None

Title

Medicaid; authorize Legislature to hire a consultant to review the Medicaid program.

Bill Summary: Authorizes House and Senate Medicaid Committees to hire a third-party consultant to review the Mississippi Medicaid program to improve efficiency and eliminate waste, including the optimization of the use of telemedicine.

Description

An Act To Authorize The Chairmen Of The House And Senate Medicaid Committees On Behalf Of The Legislature To Enter Into A Competitively Bid Contract To Hire A Third-Party Consultant To Review The Mississippi Medicaid Program To Improve Efficiency And Eliminate Waste; To Specify The Areas Of The Medicaid Program That Are To Be Examined In The Review; And For Related Purposes.

Primary Sponsors

Chris Brown

Other (2)

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
TN	HB 1747	Taken Off Notice For Cal In S C Health Subcommittee Of Health Committee 2018 03 14	Failed sine die	None	None

Title

Health Care - As introduced, adds trained and licensed education personnel to those persons who may staff telehealth services at school site. - Amends TCA Title 56; Section 63-1-155 and Title 71.

Bill Summary: Adds trained and licensed education personnel to those persons who may staff telehealth services at school site.

Primary Sponsors

Matthew Hill

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
TN	SB 1778	Assigned To General Subcommittee Of Senate Commerce Labor Committee 2018 03 12	Failed sine die	None	None

Title

Health Care - As introduced, adds trained and licensed education personnel to those persons who may staff telehealth services at school site. - Amends TCA Title 56; Section 63-1-155 and Title 71.

Bill Summary: Adds trained and licensed education personnel to those persons who may staff telehealth services at a school site.

Primary Sponsors

Rusty Crowe

Private Payer Reimbursement (1)

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
MS	HB 799	Died In Committee 2018 01 30	Failed	None	None

Title

Telemedicine; revise certain provisions relating to coverage and reimbursement for services.

Description

An Act To Amend Section 83-9-351, Mississippi Code Of 1972, To Provide That Health Insurance Companies And Employee Benefit Plans May Limit Telemedicine Coverage To Health Care Providers In Network With The Plan Instead Of In A Telemedicine Network Approved By The Plan; To Amend Section 83-9-353, Mississippi Code Of 1972, To Revise The Definition Of "Store-And-Forward Telemedicine Services" For The Purposes Of Coverage And Reimbursement For Those Services; To Revise The Criteria For Qualifying Patients For Remote Patient Monitoring Services; To Delete The Requirement That A Remote Patient Monitoring Prior Authorization Request Be Submitted To Request Telemonitoring Services; To Revise The Provision That Prohibits Placing Geographical Restrictions On The Delivery Of Telemedicine Services To Delete Reference To Services In The Home Setting; To Provide That Health Insurance Companies And Employee Benefit Plans May Limit Telemedicine Coverage To Health Care Providers In Network With The Plan Instead Of In A Telemedicine Network Approved By The Plan; To Prohibit A Health Insurance Or Employee Benefit Plan From Conditioning Payment For Services To A Health Care Provider Or Facility Based Upon The Actions Or Omissions Of Another Health Care Provider Or Facility; And For Related Purposes.

Primary Sponsors

Sam Mims

Bill Summary: Provides that health insurance companies and employee benefit plans may limit telemedicine coverage to health care providers in network with the plan instead of in a telemedicine network approved by the plan; revises the definition of store and forward telemedicine services for the purposes of coverage and reimbursement for those services; revises the criteria for qualifying patients for remote patient monitoring services.

Regulatory, Licensing & Advisory Boards (1)

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
MS	SB 2904	Died In Committee 2018 01 30	Failed	None	None

Title

Telemedicine services; revise regulatory requirements.

Description

An Act To Amend Section 73-25-34, Mississippi Code Of 1972, To Revise The Provision Which Authorizes Health Care Providers To Offer Telemedicine Services, To Provide Definitions And Conditions On Providers Offering Telemedicine Services And To Authorize The Mississippi Board Of Medical Licensure To Promulgate Rules Relating To Telemedicine With Certain Exceptions; And For Related Purposes.

Primary Sponsors

Angela Hill

Bill Summary: Revises the provision which authorizes health care providers to offer telemedicine services; provides definitions and conditions on providers offering telemedicine services; authorizes the state board of medical licensure to promulgate rules relating to telemedicine with certain exceptions.

Substance Use Disorder (1)

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
MS	SB 2840	Died In Committee 2018 02 27	Failed	None	None

Title

Opioid Crisis Intervention Act; create.

Bill Summary: Authorizes telemedicine providers to provide treatment of substance use disorders, including medication-assisted treatment.

Description

An Act To Be Known As The Opioid Crisis Intervention Act; To Amend Section 41-29-149.1, Mississippi Code Of 1972, To Expand The Types Of Drug Violations For Which A Person May Not Be Prosecuted When Complying With The Mississippi Medical Emergency Good Samaritan Act; To Amend Section 41-127-1, Mississippi Code Of 1972, To Provide That Telemedicine Providers Shall Be Allowed To Provide Treatment For Substance Use Disorders, Including Medication-Assisted Treatment; To Direct The State Board Of Medical Licensure To Adopt Reasonable Regulations That Allow Primary Care Physicians To Provide Maintenance Therapy For Persons With Identified Substance Use Disorders And Allow Those Physicians To Provide That Treatment Until The Person Can Receive Treatment From A Licensed Treatment Provider; To Authorize Municipalities, Counties And Public Or Private Educational Institutions To Adopt A Pre-Arrest Diversion Program In Which Law Enforcement Officers Of The Entity May Divert Adults Who Commit A Nonviolent Misdemeanor Offense; To Provide That Adults Who Are Diverted Shall Be Provided Appropriate Assessment, Intervention, Education And Behavioral Health Care Services; To Provide That If The Adult Does Not Participate In The Pre-Arrest Diversion Program, The Law Enforcement Agency May Criminally Charge The Adult For The Original Offense And Refer The Case To The Appropriate Prosecuting Agency To Determine If Prosecution Is Appropriate; To Provide That If The Adult Successfully Completes The Program, An Arrest Record Shall Not Be Associated With The Offense; To Amend Section 9-23-13, Mississippi Code Of 1972, To Require Drug Courts To Allow Medication-Assisted Treatment For Participants When Medically Appropriate; To Bring Forward Sections 41-29-137, 41-29-319, 41-29-321, 73-9-13, 73-21-127 And 73-43-11 Mississippi Code Of 1972, For The Purpose Of Possible Amendment; And For Related Purposes.

Primary Sponsors

Sally Doty

SCTRC Regulation Tracking

Oct 31, 2018

#	State	Reference Number	Status	Type	Initial Publication Date	Document Count
1	AR	067.00.18-002	Proposed Rule	Regular	Oct 17, 2018	1
Issues: Cross-State Licensing						
Labels:						
Title: Rules, Chapter 2						
Agencies: Board of Nursing (AR)						
Custom Summary: Adopts regulations to comply with the Interstate Nurse Licensure Compact.						

2	MS		Final Rule	Regular	Sep 28, 2018	2
Issues: Online Prescribing, Regulatory, Licensing & Advisory Boards						
Labels:						
Title: Part 2640 Prescribing, Administering and Dispensing 1.11						
Agencies: STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE (MS)						
Description: Rule 1.11 is being modified to clarify the rules regarding all medications prescription guidelines.						
Custom Summary: This rule clarifies circumstances under which medications can be prescribed. It states that prescriptions cannot be prescribed outside of a valid licensee-patient relationship. It outlines the criteria to establish the licensee-patient relationship. It does allow an appropriate exam to be conducted through appropriate telemedicine.						

3	MS		Proposed Rule	Regular	Aug 24, 2018	2
Issues: Online Prescribing, Cross-State Licensing						
Labels:						
Title: 30 Miss. Admin. Code Pt. 2840: Advanced Practice						
Agencies: MISSISSIPPI BOARD OF NURSING (MS)						
Description: The Mississippi Board of Nursing is proposing amendments to Part 2840 directly related to how Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs) prescribe controlled substances and utilize the Mississippi Prescription Monitoring Program. The amendments seek to address the ongoing Opioid and controlled substance epidemic in Mississippi. Further, the Board seeks to enhance clarity and format in multiple portions of Part 2840, including but not limited to APRN Monitored Practice Hours.						
Custom Summary: Makes amendments to the Advanced Practice Registered Nurses Compact to address the opioid epidemic in the state.						

#	State	Reference Number	Status	Type	Initial Publication Date	Document Count
4	AR	016.06.18-012	Final Rule	Regular	Aug 13, 2018	2
Issues: Other, Medicaid Reimbursement						
Labels:						
Title: Provider-Led Arkansas Shared Savings Entity (PASSE) 1-18 Part 1						
Agencies: Department of Human Services (AR)						
Custom Summary: Establishes the Provider-Led Arkansas Shared Savings Entity (PASSE). It allows entities to utilize telehealth, including live video, store and forward and remote patient monitoring to deliver care.						

5	MS		Final Rule	Regular	May 01, 2018	4
Issues: Medicaid Reimbursement						
Labels:						
Title: Title 23: Medicaid, Part 225: Telemedicine, Chapter 1: Telehealth Services, Rule 1.2: General Provider Information, Rule 1.5: Reimbursement.						
Agencies: DIVISION OF MEDICAID (MS)						
Description: This Administrative Code is being filed to add Board Certified Behavior Analysts (BCBAs) and Board Certified Behavior Analyst-Doctorals (BCBA-Ds) as a provider of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) services to EPSDT-eligible beneficiaries within their scope of practice via telehealth services. Telehealth services will allow EPSDT-eligible beneficiaries easier access to receive ASD services without having to travel to another geographical site.						
Custom Summary: Revises Mississippi Medicaid's reimbursement for telehealth delivered services. Amends rule to add Board Certified Behavior Analysts and Board Certified Behavior Analyst-Doctorals as a provider of Autism Spectrum Disorder services to EPSDT-eligible beneficiaries within their scope of practice via telehealth services. Telehealth services will allow EPSDT-eligible beneficiaries easier access to receive ASD services without having to travel to another geographical site.						

6	AR	016.06.18-003	Final Rule	Regular	Apr 06, 2018	2
Issues: Medicaid Reimbursement						
Labels:						
Title: Telemedicine						
Agencies: Department of Human Services (AR)						
Custom Summary: Amends rules to include Telemedicine general policy.						

7	MS		Proposed Rule	Regular	Dec 11, 2017	2
Issues: Regulatory, Licensing & Advisory Boards						
Labels:						
Title: Part 2635 Chapter 5: Telemedicine, Rule 5.7						
Agencies: STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE (MS)						
Description: Rule 5.7 is being amended to include Level Two Hospital Trauma Centers.						
Custom Summary: Amends rules to include Level Two Hospital Trauma Centers as it relates to exceptions for requirements for 24 hour coverage.						

#	State	Reference Number	Status	Type	Initial Publication Date	Document Count
8	TN	11-18-17	Final Rule	Regular	Nov 27, 2017	2
Issues: Other, Private Payer Reimbursement						
Labels:						
Title: Rules for Medical Payments Sequence Number: 11-18-17						
Agencies: Labor and Workforce Development (TN)						
Custom Summary: For telehealth, states that the definitions, licensing and processes for the purpose of these rules shall be the same as adopted by the Tennessee Department of Health. Reimbursement will be based upon the applicable Medicare guidelines and coding for the different service providers.						