South Central TRC Nov. 2019 Legislative Update

Last Updated: November 27, 2019

South Central Telehealth Resource Center covers the states of Arkansas, Mississippi, & Tennessee

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.

All Bills by Topic

Cross-State Licensing (2)

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**Title**

To Establish The Interstate Physical Therapy Licensure Compact In Arkansas.

**Primary Sponsors**

Justin Boyd

**Bill Summary:** Enacts the Interstate Physical Therapy Licensure Compact in Arkansas.
Title
Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Program; transfer from State Department of Health to MS Department of Insurance.

Description
An Act To Transfer The Emergency Medical Services Program (EMS) From The State Department Of Health To The Mississippi Department Of Insurance; To Provide For The Transfer Of Employees, Property, Staff And Funds; To Provide For The Transfer Of The Authority To Certify Emergency Medical Technicians; To Amend Or Bring Forward Sections 41-59-1 Through 41-59-79 And 41-60-11, 41-60-13, 41-60-31 And 41-60-33, Mississippi Code Of 1972, In Conformity; And For Related Purposes.

Primary Sponsors
Videt Carmichael

Bill Summary: Enacts the Emergency Medical Services Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact.

Demonstrations, Grants & Pilot Projects (2)

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Title
To Create The Mental Health For Individuals Who Are Deaf Or Hard Of Hearing Bill Of Rights Act.

Primary Sponsors
Charlene Fite

Bill Summary: Provides for statewide mental health services and requires the Division of Aging, Adult, and Behavioral Health Services of the Department of Human Services to develop and implement strategies for ensuring access to culturally affirmative mental health services and linguistically appropriate mental health services by clients in geographic areas where there is a lack of shortage of certified mental health professionals, which may include telemedicine or other remote technology.

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Title
To Provide For Insurance Coverage For Treatment Of Pediatric Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Disorders Associated With Streptococcal Infection And Pediatric Acute-Onset Neuropsychiatric Syndrome.

Primary Sponsors
Kim Hammer

Bill Summary: Establishes coverage for services related to pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections and pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome. States that services delivered through the University of Arkansas will be available through telemedicine.

Medicaid Reimbursement (3)
Concerning Coverage By An Insurer For Intraoperative Neurophysiological Monitoring.

**Primary Sponsors**
Jim Dotson

**Bill Summary:** Provides that a health benefit plan under the Arkansas Medicaid Program shall provide coverage and reimbursement for intraoperative neuropsychological monitoring provided through telemedicine, per hour and on the same basis as the health benefit plan provides coverage and reimbursement for health services provided in person.

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**Title**
Telemedicine medical services to students in school-based setting; authorize Medicaid reimbursement to physicians.

**Description**
An Act To Amend Section 43-13-117, Mississippi Code Of 1972, To Authorize Medicaid Reimbursement To Physicians Providing Telemedicine Medical Services To Students In A School-Based Setting; And For Related Purposes.

**Primary Sponsors**
Terry Burton

**Bill Summary:** This bill authorizes telemedicine reimbursement for Medicaid that is delivered to students in a school-based setting.

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**Title**
Health insurance and telemedicine services; impose certain statutory conditions.

**Description**
An Act To Amend Section 83-9-351, Mississippi Code Of 1972, To Provide That A Health Insurance Or Employee Benefit Plan Shall Not Delay Or Condition Payment To A Health Care Provider On The Coordination Of The Filing Of Claims Between Originating And Distant Sites; To Amend Section 83-9-353, Mississippi Code Of 1972, To Provide That Store And Forward Telemedicine Services And Remote Patient Monitoring Services Shall Not Be Unduly Restricted Based On The Patient'S Geographic Proximity To A Network Provider; And For Related Purposes.

**Primary Sponsors**
Josh Harkins

**Bill Summary:** Makes certain adjustments to Mississippi's telehealth private payer law requirements, such as requiring that health plans not place geographic restrictions on the use of telehealth, and other billing/technical requirements. It also reduces the requirements on coverage for remote patient monitoring services.
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**Primary Sponsors**
Mary Bentley

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**Title**
Telemedicine; revise insurance laws regarding.

**Description**
An Act To Amend Section 83 9 351, Mississippi Code Of 1972, To Provide That A Health Insurance Or Employee Benefit Plan Shall Not Delay Or Condition Payment To A Health Care Provider On The Coordination Of The Filing Of Claims Between Originating And Distant Sites; To Amend Section 83 9 353, Mississippi Code Of 1972, To Remove Certain Restrictions On Store And Forward Telemedicine Services And Remote Patient Monitoring Services; And For Related Purposes.

**Primary Sponsors**
Brent Powell

**Bill Summary:** Removes certain restrictions on the reimbursement of store and forward and remote patient monitoring. It also states that no geographic restrictions may be placed on coverage and that an insurer cannot delay or condition payment on the coordination of the filing of claims between the originating and distant site providing telemedicine for the same episode of care.

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Primary Sponsors
Dean Kirby

Bill Summary: Provides that store and forward and remote patient monitoring services shall not be unduly restricted based on the patient's geographic proximity to a network provider.

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Title
Insurance Companies, Agents, Brokers, Policies - As introduced, adds a patient's residence and place of employment, if equipped to engage in telehealth communications, as locations a patient may be and receive telehealth services covered by health insurance; revises other telehealth provisions. - Amends TCA Title 56.

Primary Sponsors
Robin Smith

Bill Summary: Amends Tennessee's private payer telehealth law to incorporate in the definition of telehealth remote patient monitoring. It also would allow a school or patient's residence to be a qualified site.

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Primary Sponsors
Art Swann

Bill Summary: Amends Tennessee's telehealth private payer law to include remote patient monitoring and additional patient locations.

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Provider-Patient Relationship (1)
To Amend The Telemedicine Act; To Ensure That Telemedicine Is The Least Restrictive Method To Deliver Healthcare Services Remotely; And To Expand The Definition Of "Professional Relationship".

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Primary Sponsors
Sally Doty
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**Categories**: Health, Technology

**Primary Sponsors**: Dave Wallace

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**Categories**: Health, Financials, Government Administration, Labor & Employment, Taxes, Social Issues

**Primary Sponsors**: Mary Bentley

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**Issues**
Demonstrations, Grants & Pilot Projects

**Labels**

**Title**
To Provide For Insurance Coverage For Treatment Of Pediatric Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Disorders Associated With Streptococcal Infection And Pediatric Acute-Onset Neuropsychiatric Syndrome.

**Description**
Establishes coverage for services related to pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections and pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome. States that services delivered through the University of Arkansas will be available through telemedicine.

**Bill Summary**

**Categories**
Health, Financials, Government Administration, Labor & Employment, Families & Children, Education

**Primary Sponsors**
Kim Hammer

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Title Insurance Companies, Agents, Brokers, Policies - As introduced, adds a patient's residence and place of employment, if equipped to engage in telehealth communications, as locations a patient may be and receive telehealth services covered by health insurance; revises other telehealth provisions. - Amends TCA Title 56.

Description

Bill Summary Amends Tennessee's telehealth private payer law to include remote patient monitoring and additional patient locations.

Categories Health, Financials, Technology, Social Issues, Communications, Labor & Employment

Primary Sponsors Art Swann

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Description

Bill Summary Amends Tennessee's private payer telehealth law to incorporate in the definition of telehealth remote patient monitoring. It also would allow a school or patient's residence to be a qualified site.

Categories Health, Financials, Labor & Employment, Social Issues, Technology, Communications

Primary Sponsors Robin Smith
**Issues**  Medicaid Reimbursement

**Labels**

**Title**  Concerning Coverage By An Insurer For Intraoperative Neurophysiological Monitoring.

**Description**  Provides that a health benefit plan under the Arkansas Medicaid Program shall provide coverage and reimbursement for intraoperative neuropsychological monitoring provided through telemedicine, per hour and on the same basis as the health benefit plan provides coverage and reimbursement for health services provided in person.

**Categories**  Health, Financials, Social Issues, Labor & Employment

**Primary Sponsors**  Jim Dotson

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### Issues

- Demonstrations, Grants & Pilot Projects

### Label

#### Title

To Create The Mental Health For Individuals Who Are Deaf Or Hard Of Hearing Bill Of Rights Act.

#### Description

Provides for statewide mental health services and requires the Division of Aging, Adult, and Behavioral Health Services of the Department of Human Services to develop and implement strategies for ensuring access to culturally affirmative mental health services and linguistically appropriate mental health services by clients in geographic areas where there is a lack of shortage of certified mental health professionals, which may include telemedicine or other remote technology.

#### Categories

- Health
- Social Issues
- Labor & Employment
- Families & Children
- Civil Rights
- Education
- Technology

#### Primary Sponsors

Charlene Fite

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### Issues

- Cross-State Licensing

### Label

#### Title

To Establish The Interstate Physical Therapy Licensure Compact In Arkansas.

#### Description

Enacts the Interstate Physical Therapy Licensure Compact in Arkansas.

#### Categories

- Government Administration
- Legal Affairs
- Crime
- National Security & Defense
- Families & Children
- Financials
- Civil Rights

#### Primary Sponsors

Justin Boyd

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Opioid Crisis Intervention Act; create.

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 Authorize Telemedicine Providers To Provide Treatment For Substance Use Disorders, Including Medication Assisted Treatment; To Authorize Municipalities, Counties And Public Or Private Educational Institutions To Adopt A Pre-Arrest Diversion Program To Which Law Enforcement Officers May Divert Adults Who Commit A Nonviolent Offense; To Require Adults Who Are Diverted To Be Provided Appropriate Assessment, Intervention, Education And Behavioral Health Care Services; To Authorize The Law Enforcement Agency To Criminaly Charge The Adult For The Original Offense And Refer The Case To The Appropriate Prosecuting Agency If The Adult Does Not Participate In The Pre-Arrest Diversion Program; To Prohibit An Arrest Record From Being Associated With The Offense If The Adult Successfully Completes The Diversion Program; To Amend Section 63-1-53, Mississippi Code Of 1972, To Provide That After Certain Notice Is Given To A Person Failing To Timely Pay Any Fines, Fees And Assessments Relating To A Traffic Violation Within 90 Days Of Receiving The Notice, The Person Is Subject To Having The Fines, Fees And Assessments Collected By A Court Rather Than Having His Or Her License Suspended; To Amend Section 63-1-52, Mississippi Code Of 1972, In Conformity To The Preceding Section; To Amend Section 63-1-71, Mississippi Code Of 1972, To Delete The Requirement That A Person'S License Be Suspended For A Controlled Substance Violation That Is Unrelated To Operating A Motor Vehicle; To Amend Section 63-1-51, Mississippi Code Of 1972, To Delete The Offense Of Contempt For Failure To Pay A Fine Or Fee Or Failure To Respond To A Summons Or Citation Relating To A Traffic Violation As A Grounds For Revoking A Person'S License; To Amend Section 9-23-15, Mississippi Code Of 1972, To Authorize A Judge To Allow A Person To Be Eligible For Alternative Sentencing Through A Drug Court If He Or She Has Been Convicted Of Burglary Of An Unoccupied Dwelling; To Amend Section 9-23-13, Mississippi Code Of 1972, To Require Drug Courts To Allow Participants To Use Medication Assisted Treatment While Participating In A Drug Court Program; And For Related Purposes.

Bill Summary
Authorizes telemedicine providers to provide treatment for substance use disorder, including medication assisted treatment.

Categories
Crime, Transportation, Legal Affairs, Law Enforcement & Public Safety, Health, Food & Beverage, Labor & Employment, Budget, Families & Children

Primary Sponsors
Chris Brown
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Substance Use Disorder

**Labels**

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**Categories**

Crime, Transportation, Legal Affairs, Law Enforcement & Public Safety, Government Administration, Health, Food & Beverage, Budget, Labor & Employment, Families & Children

**Primary Sponsors**

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**Issues**

Cross-State Licensing

**Labels**

**Title**

Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Program; transfer from State Department of Health to MS Department of Insurance.

**Description**

An Act To Transfer The Emergency Medical Services Program (EMS) From The State Department Of Health To The Mississippi Department Of Insurance; To Provide For The Transfer Of Employees, Property, Staff And Funds; To Provide For The Transfer Of The Authority To Certify Emergency Medical Technicians; To Amend Or Bring Forward Sections 41-59-1 Through 41-59-79 And 41-60-11, 41-60-13, 41-60-31 And 41-60-33, Mississippi Code Of 1972, In Conformity; And For Related Purposes.

**Bill Summary**

Enacts the Emergency Medical Services Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact.

**Categories**


**Primary Sponsors**

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**Issues**
Private Payer Reimbursement

**Labels**

**Title**
Health insurance and telemedicine services; impose certain statutory conditions.

**Description**
An Act To Amend Section 83-9-351, Mississippi Code Of 1972, To Provide That A Health Insurance Or Employee Benefit Plan Shall Not Delay Or Condition Payment To A Health Care Provider On The Coordination Of The Filing Of Claims Between Originating And Distant Sites; To Amend Section 83-9-353, Mississippi Code Of 1972, To Provide That Store And Forward Telemedicine Services And Remote Patient Monitoring Services Shall Not Be Unduly Restricted Based On The Patient’S Geographic Proximity To A Network Provider; And For Related Purposes.

**Bill Summary**
Provides that store and forward and remote patient monitoring services shall not be unduly restricted based on the patient's geographic proximity to a network provider.

**Categories**
Health, Financials, Labor & Employment, Technology, Social Issues

**Primary Sponsors**
Dean Kirby

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Private Payer Reimbursement, Medicaid Reimbursement

**Labels**

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Health insurance and telemedicine services; impose certain statutory conditions.

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**Bill Summary**
Makes certain adjustments to Mississippi’s telehealth private payer law requirements, such as requiring that health plans not place geographic restrictions on the use of telehealth, and other billing/technical requirements. It also reduces the requirements on coverage for remote patient monitoring services.

**Categories**
Health, Financials, Labor & Employment, Technology, Social Issues

**Primary Sponsors**
Josh Harkins

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**Issues**
Private Payer Reimbursement

**Labels**

**Title**
Telemedicine; revise insurance laws regarding.

**Description**
An Act To Amend Section 83 9 351, Mississippi Code Of 1972, To Provide That A Health Insurance Or Employee Benefit Plan Shall Not Delay Or Condition Payment To A Health Care Provider On The Coordination Of The Filing Of Claims Between Originating And Distant Sites; To Amend Section 83 9 353, Mississippi Code Of 1972, To Remove Certain Restrictions On Store And Forward Telemedicine Services And Remote Patient Monitoring Services; And For Related Purposes.

**Bill Summary**
Removes certain restrictions on the reimbursement of store and forward and remote patient monitoring. It also states that no geographic restrictions may be placed on coverage and that an insurer cannot delay or condition payment on the coordination of the filing of claims between the originating and distant site providing telemedicine for the same episode of care.

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Issues: Medicaid Reimbursement

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Title: An Act To Amend Section 43-13-117, Mississippi Code Of 1972, To Authorize Medicaid Reimbursement To Physicians Providing Telemedicine Medical Services To Students In A School-Based Setting; And For Related Purposes.

Description: Telemedicine medical services to students in school-based setting; authorize Medicaid reimbursement to physicians.

Bill Summary: This bill authorizes telemedicine reimbursement for Medicaid that is delivered to students in a school-based setting.


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