

# South Central TRC June 2020 Legislative Update

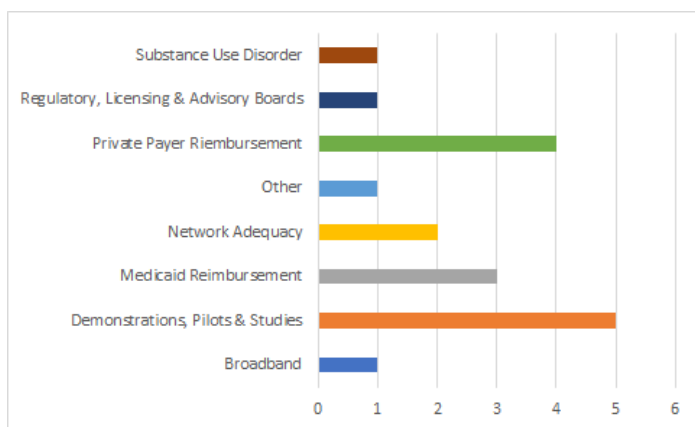
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South Central Telehealth Resource Center covers the states of Arkansas, Mississippi, & Tennessee

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.

## Bills by Topic



## Bills by Status



All Bills (by topic)

**Broadband (1)**

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
MS	<a href="#">SB 3046</a>	Due From Governor 07 08 20 2020 07 02	Enacted

**Title**  
COVID-19 Broadband Grant Programs; create.

**Description**  
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**Primary Sponsors**  
Joel Carter

**Bill Summary:** Establishes the Mississippi Electric Cooperatives Broadband COVID-19 Act. The Department of Finance and Administration, in conjunction with the Mississippi Public Utilities Staff, shall establish the "Mississippi Electric Cooperatives Broadband COVID-19 Grant Program" ("Cooperative Program") to provide grants to electric cooperatives for the purpose of expanding immediately broadband access in unserved and underserved areas of the State of Mississippi.

**Introduction Date:** 2020-06-18

## Demonstrations, Grants & Pilot Projects (5)

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
MS	<a href="#">HB 1666</a>	Died In Committee 2020 06 03	Failed

**Title**  
Appropriations; Department of Education to provide grants to school districts to establish telehealth programs.

**Description**  
An Act Making An Appropriation To The State Department Of Education To Provide Grants To School Districts For The Purpose Of Establishing And Operating Telehealth Programs At The Schools In The District For The Fiscal Year 2021.

**Primary Sponsors**  
Phil Gunn

**Bill Summary:** Makes appropriations to provide grants to school districts for the purpose of establishing and operating telehealth programs at schools.

**Introduction Date:** 2020-03-25

**Title**

Appropriation; several agencies for addressing the public health emergency due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

**Description**

An Act Making An Appropriation From The Budget Contingency Fund To The Mississippi Development Authority, The State Department Of Health, The State Department Of Mental Health And The Board Of Trustees Of State Institutions Of Higher Learning For The Purposes Of Addressing Or Related To The Public Health Emergency Due To The Covid-19 Pandemic; And For Related Purposes.

**Primary Sponsors**

Sam Mims

**Bill Summary:** Requires that the State Department of Mental Health shall provide the funds authorized under this section in equal amounts to each of the fourteen (14) community mental health regions to pay for all eligible expenditures for mental health services, which are those costs incurred by the regions that are reimbursable from funds received from the Budget Contingency Fund to address the current COVID-19 public health emergency. Eligible expenditures include establishing and operating telemedicine capabilities for the treatment of COVID-19 patients.

**Introduction Date:** 2020-06-23

**Title**

"Technology Instruction and Digital Access to Learning (TIDAL) Act"; create to establish digital learning programs for K-12 education and provide grants for electronic devices used in instruction.

**Description**

An Act To Create The "Technology Instruction And Digital Access To Learning (Tidal) Act," Which Shall Be Administered By The State Department Of Education To Provide Structured Guidance, Technical And Financial Assistance To Local School Districts And Public Charter Schools In The Ability To Provide Distance Learning And Online Instruction; To Prescribe The Legislative Findings And Statement Of Intent; To Define Terminology; To Require The Department To Solicit Requests For Bid Proposals From Technology Vendors To Establish An Express Products List (Epl), Or To Allow The Department To Use The Epls Compiled By The Mississippi Department Of Information Technology Services (Mdits) For The Purchase Of Information Technology, Electronic Devices, Telecommunications Equipment And Software Programs; To Authorize The Department To Revise Epl Categories Based Upon Purchasing Demands, Which Are Consistent To Provide School Districts And Charter Schools With Structured Choice In The Selection Of The Brand And Type Of Electronic Devices Available For Purchase; To Permit School Districts And Charter Schools To Acquire Devices, Equipment And/Or Software Outside Of The Epls And Structured Choice Recommendations Of The Department Upon The District'S Demonstration That Such Devices, Equipment And/Or Software Meet Or Exceed The Technological Specifications And Functionality Required By The Department And Can Be Purchased At An Optimal Price Point Less Than Offered On The Department'S Epls; To Specify The Criteria To Be Considered By The Department In Establishing Its Epls And Structured Choice Guide In Order To Ensure Optimal Economical Pricing And Longevity Of Device Usage; To Require That The State Department Of Education Shall Have Procured All Necessary Wi-Fi And Lte Enabled Devices, Program Components And Systems Of Product Supports And Services For The Delivery Of Digital Instruction Through Distance Learning By November 30, 2020; To Require Local School Districts And Charter Schools To Implement The Use Of Its Approved Digital Learning Program And Issue A Wi-Fi Or Lte Enabled Electronic Device To Every Public School Student; To Require The Implemented Digital Learning Programs To Support Individualized Plans For School-To-Home Connectivity To Provide Students With Access To The School District'S Or Charter School'S Learning Management System; To Require Each School Board To Identify A Digital Inclusion Coordinator For Each School Facility Under Its Governance, Who Shall Coordinate The Work And Report The Results Thereof To The District Superintendent To Be Submitted To The State Department Of Education For Purpose Of Inclusion In The State Superintendent Of Public Education Annual Legislative Report; To Require Every Public School Instructor And Administrator To... (click bill link to see more).

**Primary Sponsors**

Richard Bennett

**Bill Summary:** Establishes a digital learning program, that includes Social-Emotional learning with access to Telehealth and/or Teletherapy.

**Introduction Date:** 2020-06-24

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
TN	<a href="#">HB 2509</a>	Taken Off Notice For Cal In S C Public Health Subcommittee Of Health Committee 2020 05 27	Failed sine die
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<b>Title</b> Public Funds and Financing - As introduced, adds requirements to the spending, dedicating, or reserve of certain funds from the temporary assistance for needy families (TANF) program by the department of human services and the department of health. - Amends TCA Title 4; Title 9; Title 68 and Title 71.		<b>Bill Summary:</b> Requires the department of health shall request and consider grant proposals, and make grant awards to qualified providers for evidence-based models and for innovations on evidence-based models, such as those using telehealth interventions and strategies for families with newborns that can improve program reach and effectiveness.	
<b>Primary Sponsors</b> David Hawk		<b>Introduction Date:</b> 2020-02-05	

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
TN	<a href="#">SB 2797</a>	Passed On Second Consideration Refer To Senate Health And Welfare Committee 2020 02 10	Failed sine die
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<b>Title</b> Public Funds and Financing - As introduced, adds requirements to the spending, dedicating, or reserve of certain funds from the temporary assistance for needy families (TANF) program by the department of human services and the department of health. - Amends TCA Title 4; Title 9; Title 68 and Title 71.		<b>Bill Summary:</b> Requires the department of health to request and consider grant proposals, and make grant awards to qualified providers for evidence-based models and for innovations on evidence-based models, such as those using telehealth interventions and strategies for families with newborns that can improve program reach and effectiveness.	
<b>Primary Sponsors</b> Raumesh Akbari		<b>Introduction Date:</b> 2020-02-06	

### Medicaid Reimbursement (3)

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
MS	<a href="#">HB 1420</a>	Died In Committee 2020 03 03	Failed
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<b>Title</b> Medicaid; revise reimbursement for telehealth services provided by FQHCs and community health centers.		<b>Bill Summary:</b> Requires that for telehealth services provided by federally qualified health centers and community health centers, the distant or hub site provider shall be reimbursed the applicable Medicaid fee for the telehealth services provided. Telehealth services provided by federally qualified health centers and community health centers shall be considered to be billable at the same face-to-face encounter rate used for all other Medicaid reimbursements to federally qualified health centers and community health centers under the prospective payment system.	
<b>Description</b> An Act To Amend Section 43-13-117, Mississippi Code Of 1972, To Provide That For Telehealth Services Provided By Federally Qualified Health Centers And Community Health Centers, The Distant Or Hub Site Provider Shall Be Reimbursed The Applicable Medicaid Fee For The Telehealth Services Provided; To Provide That Telehealth Services Provided By Federally Qualified Health Centers And Community Health Centers Shall Be Considered To Be Billable At The Same Face-To-Face Encounter Rate Used For All Other Medicaid Reimbursements To Those Centers Under The Prospective Payment System; And For Related Purposes.		<b>Introduction Date:</b> 2020-02-17	
<b>Primary Sponsors</b> Rob Johnson			

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
MS	<a href="#">SB 2612</a>	Died In Committee 2020 03 03	Failed
<b>Title</b> Medicaid reimbursement; authorize for substance abuse and mental health services for pregnant and postpartum women.		<b>Bill Summary:</b> Requires Medicaid to reimburse for substance abuse and mental health services for pregnant and postpartum women, delivered in a community based, telehealth or faith-based care setting.	
<b>Description</b> An Act To Amend Section 43-13-117, Mississippi Code Of 1972, To Authorize Medicaid Reimbursement For Substance Abuse And Mental Health Services For Pregnant And Postpartum Women In A Community-Based, Telehealth Or Faith-Based Setting; And For Related Purposes.		<b>Introduction Date:</b> 2020-02-17	
<b>Primary Sponsors</b> Barbara Blackmon			

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
MS	SB 2816	Died In Committee 2020 03 03	Failed
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<b>Title</b> Community health centers; revise reimbursement for telehealth services.		<b>Bill Summary:</b> Provides that for telehealth services provided by FQHCs and CHCs, the distant or hub site provider shall be reimbursed the applicable Medicaid fee for the telehealth services provided. The services shall be considered to be billable at the same face-to-face encounter rate used for all other medicaid reimbursement.	
<b>Description</b> An Act To Amend Section 43-13-117, Mississippi Code Of 1972, To Provide That For Telehealth Services Provided By Federally Qualified Health Centers And Community Health Centers, The Distant Or Hub Site Provider Shall Be Reimbursed The Applicable Medicaid Fee For The Telehealth Services Provided; To Provide That Telehealth Services Provided By Federally Qualified Health Centers And Community Health Centers Shall Be Considered To Be Billable At The Same Face-To-Face Encounter Rate Used For All Other Medicaid Reimbursements To Those Centers Under The Prospective Payment System; And For Related Purposes.		<b>Introduction Date:</b> 2020-02-17	
<b>Primary Sponsors</b> Bobby Jackson			

## Network Adequacy (2)

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
TN	<a href="#">HB 2829</a>	Taken Off Notice For Cal In S C Life Health Insurance Subcommittee Of Insurance Committee 2020 05 28	Failed sine die
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<b>Title</b> Insurance, Health, Accident - As introduced, enacts the "Mental Healthcare and Substance Abuse Services Network Adequacy Act." - Amends TCA Title 4; Title 33; Title 47; Title 56 and Title 71.		<b>Bill Summary:</b> Allows (but does not require) the Commissioner to determine the sufficiency of network adequacy through certain criteria, such as telehealth or telemedicine for mental healthcare and substance use disorder.	
<b>Primary Sponsors</b> John Clemmons		<b>Introduction Date:</b> 2020-02-05	

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
TN	SB 2328	Action Deferred In Senate Commerce Labor Committee 2020 03 17	Failed sine die
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<b>Title</b> Insurance, Health, Accident - As introduced, enacts the "Mental Healthcare and Substance Abuse Services Network Adequacy Act." - Amends TCA Title 4; Title 33; Title 47; Title 56 and Title 71.		<b>Bill Summary:</b> Allows (but does not require) the Commissioner to consider telehealth in determining network adequacy.  <b>Introduction Date:</b> 2020-02-04	
<b>Primary Sponsors</b> Sara Kyle			

## Other (1)

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
MS	HB 1470	Died In Committee 2020 06 03	Failed
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<b>Title</b> Income tax; authorize a credit for employers who pay the cost of a qualified wellness program.		<b>Bill Summary:</b> Provides an income tax credit to employers who pay costs in connection with a qualified wellness program in the amount of 50% of the cost paid in connection with the plan. A wellness plan must have three of four components, one of which is a supportive environment component which includes access to healthy options at the workplace, such as access to telehealth services.	
<b>Description</b> An Act To Provide An Income Tax Credit To Employers Who Pay Costs In Connection With A Qualified Wellness Program In The Amount Of 50% Of The Costs Paid In Connection With The Qualified Wellness Program; To Limit The Amount Of The Credit That An Employer May Claim In Any One Taxable Year; To Provide That The Aggregate Amount Of Tax Credits That May Be Awarded Under This Act In Any One Calendar Year Shall Not Exceed \$1,000,000.00; To Provide The Components That A Wellness Program Must Have To Qualify For The Credit; To Provide That If The Amount Of The Allowable Credit Exceeds The Income Tax Liability Of The Employer In A Taxable Year, The Amount Of The Excess Shall Not Be Refundable Or Carried Forward To Any Other Taxable Year; To Require The State Department Of Health, Office Of Preventive Health, To Certify Employers' Eligibility For The Credit; To Provide That \$30,000.00 Shall Be Appropriated Annually To The Department Of Health, Office Of Preventive Health, To Assist In The Discharge Of The Office'S Duties Under This Act; And For Related Purposes.		<b>Introduction Date:</b> 2020-02-17	
<b>Primary Sponsors</b> Jody Stevenson			

## Private Payer Reimbursement (4)

**Title**

Health insurance carriers; require to cap patient cost for prescriptions for insulin drugs.

**Bill Summary:** Requires state employees insurance plans to include coverage for telemedicine services.

**Introduction Date:** 2020-02-03

**Description**

An Act To Create New Section 83-9-46.1, Mississippi Code Of 1972, To Require Health Insurance Carriers That Provide Coverage For Prescription Insulin Drugs To Cap The Total Amount That A Covered Person Is Required To Pay For A Covered Prescription Insulin Drug At An Amount Not To Exceed One Hundred Dollars Per Thirty-Day Supply Of Insulin, Regardless Of The Amount Or Type Of Insulin Needed To Fill The Covered Person'S Prescription; To Direct The Attorney General To Investigate Pricing Of Prescription Insulin Drugs That Are Made Available To Mississippi Consumers To Ensure Adequate Consumer Protections In Pricing Of Prescription Insulin Drugs And Whether Additional Consumer Protections Are Needed; To Provide That The Attorney General Shall Issue And Make Available To The Public, The Governor And The Legislature A Report Detailing His Or Her Findings From The Investigation Conducted Under This Act; To Bring Forward Section 25-15-9, Mississippi Code Of 1972, Which Provides For The State And School Employees Health Insurance Plan, For The Purpose Of Possible Amendment; To Bring Forward Section 83-9-46, Mississippi Code Of 1972, Which Provides That Health Insurance Policies And Plans Must Offer Coverage For Diabetes Treatments, For The Purpose Of Possible Amendment; And For Related Purposes.

**Primary Sponsors**

William Arnold



State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
MS	<a href="#">SB 2559</a>	Died In Committee 2020 03 03	Failed

<b>Title</b> Health insurance carriers; require to cap patient cost for prescriptions for insulin drugs.	<b>Bill Summary:</b> Requires insurance for state employees provide coverage for telemedicine services.
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**Introduction Date:** 2020-02-17

**Description**  
An Act To Create New Section 83-9-46.1, Mississippi Code Of 1972, To Require Health Insurance Carriers That Provide Coverage For Prescription Insulin Drugs To Cap The Total Amount That A Covered Person Is Required To Pay For A Covered Prescription Insulin Drug At An Amount Not To Exceed \$100.00 Per Thirty-Day Supply Of Insulin, Regardless Of The Amount Or Type Of Insulin Needed To Fill The Covered Person'S Prescription; To Direct The Attorney General To Investigate Pricing Of Prescription Insulin Drugs That Are Made Available To Mississippi Consumers To Ensure Adequate Consumer Protections In Pricing Of Prescription Insulin Drugs And Whether Additional Consumer Protections Are Needed; To Provide That The Attorney General Shall Issue And Make Available To The Public, The Governor And The Legislature A Report Detailing His Or Her Findings From The Investigation Conducted Under This Act; To Bring Forward Section 25-15-9, Mississippi Code Of 1972, Which Provides For The State And School Employees Health Insurance Plan, For The Purpose Of Possible Amendment; To Bring Forward Section 83-9-46, Mississippi Code Of 1972, Which Provides That Health Insurance Policies And Plans Must Offer Coverage For Diabetes Treatments, For The Purpose Of Possible Amendment; And For Related Purposes.

**Primary Sponsors**  
Kevin Blackwell

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	FN Outlook
TN	<a href="#">HB 1699</a>	Conf Comm Report Adopted Ayes 89 Nays 0 Pnv 0 2020 06 18	Passed Senate	<div>97.4%79.0%</div>

<b>Title</b> Insurance, Health, Accident - As introduced, makes various changes to the law concerning the electronic delivery of health care and its coverage under insurance policies. - Amends TCA Title 56 and Section 63-1-155.	<b>Bill Summary:</b> Alters reimbursement requirements for telehealth delivered services, including requiring reimbursement of a facility fee. It also requires coverage of remote patient monitoring if covered by Medicare.
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**Introduction Date:** 2020-01-16

**Primary Sponsors**  
Robin Smith

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
TN	<a href="#">SB 1892</a>	Placed On Senate Finance Ways And Means Committee Calendar For 3 19 2020 2020 03 19	Failed sine die
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<b>Title</b> Insurance, Health, Accident - As introduced, makes various changes to the law concerning the electronic delivery of health care and its coverage under insurance policies. - Amends TCA Title 56 and Section 63-1-155.		<b>Bill Summary:</b> Alters reimbursement requirements for telehealth delivered services, including requiring reimbursement of a facility fee. It also requires coverage of remote patient monitoring if covered by Medicare.	
<b>Primary Sponsors</b> Art Swann		<b>Introduction Date:</b> 2020-01-27	

## Regulatory, Licensing & Advisory Boards (1)

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
MS	<a href="#">HB 94</a>	Approved By Governor 2020 06 29	Enacted
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<b>Title</b> Center for Rural Health Innovation; establish to provide services and resources to rural hospitals.		<b>Bill Summary:</b> Creates the Mississippi Center for Rural Health Innovation within the Office of Rural Health of the State Department of Health. The purpose of the center is to provide services and resources to rural hospitals, critical access hospitals, rural health clinics and rural federally qualified health centers, including expert analysis, guidance, training opportunities and telehealth investment.	
<b>Description</b> An Act To Establish The Mississippi Center For Rural Health Innovation Within The Office Of Rural Health Of The State Department Of Health; To Provide That The Purpose Of The Center Is To Provide Services And Resources To Rural Hospitals, Critical Access Hospitals, Rural Health Clinics And Rural Federally Qualified Health Centers, Including Expert Analysis, Guidance, Training Opportunities And Telehealth Investment; To Specify The Minimum Areas Of Service To Be Provided By The Center; To Provide That The Department Shall Provide Personnel And Resources As Necessary To Provide For The Operation Of The Center, And Shall Be Authorized To Enter Into Contracts As Necessary To Carry Out The Purpose Of The Center; And For Related Purposes.		<b>Introduction Date:</b> 2020-01-24	
<b>Primary Sponsors</b> Sam Mims			

## Substance Use Disorder (1)

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
MS	<a href="#">SB 2816</a>	Died In Committee 2020 03 03	Failed
<div> <div> <b>Title</b>  Community health centers; revise reimbursement for telehealth services. </div> <div> <b>Description</b>  An Act To Amend Section 43-13-117, Mississippi Code Of 1972, To Provide That For Telehealth Services Provided By Federally Qualified Health Centers And Community Health Centers, The Distant Or Hub Site Provider Shall Be Reimbursed The Applicable Medicaid Fee For The Telehealth Services Provided; To Provide That Telehealth Services Provided By Federally Qualified Health Centers And Community Health Centers Shall Be Considered To Be Billable At The Same Face-To-Face Encounter Rate Used For All Other Medicaid Reimbursements To Those Centers Under The Prospective Payment System; And For Related Purposes. </div> <div> <b>Primary Sponsors</b>  Bobby Jackson </div> </div> <div> <b>Bill Summary:</b> Provides that for telehealth services provided by FQHCs and CHCs, the distant or hub site provider shall be reimbursed the applicable Medicaid fee for the telehealth services provided. The services shall be considered to be billable at the same face-to-face encounter rate used for all other medicaid reimbursement. </div> <div> <b>Introduction Date:</b> 2020-02-17 </div>			

## Coronavirus (3)

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	FN Outlook
MS	<a href="#">HB 1779</a>	Referred To Judiciary Division A 2020 06 26	In Senate	<div> <div>11.1%</div> <div>79.6%</div> </div>
<div> <div> <b>Title</b>  Health Care Emergency Response Liability Protection Act; create. </div> <div> <b>Description</b>  An Act To Create The Health Care Emergency Response Liability Protection Act; To Provide Immunity From Liability To Health Care Providers And Health Care Facilities That Provide Care During A State Of Emergency In Certain Circumstances; And For Related Purposes. </div> <div> <b>Primary Sponsors</b>  Sam Mims </div> </div> <div> <b>Bill Summary:</b> Provides immunity for health care professionals and facilities that are providing care during the state of emergency in certain circumstances, including persons engaged in telemedicine or telehealth. </div> <div> <b>Introduction Date:</b> 2020-06-23 </div>				

State  
MS

Bill Number  
SB 3046

Last Action  
Due From Governor 07 08 20 2020 07 02

Status  
Enacted

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**Introduction Date:** 2020-06-18

State

MS

Bill Number

SB 3049

Last Action

Due From Governor 07 08 20 2020 07 02

Status

Enacted

#### Title

Mississippi Back-to-Business Liability Assurance and Health Care Emergency Response Liability Protection Act; create.

#### Description

An Act To Create The Mississippi Back-To-Business Liability Assurance And Health Care Emergency Response Liability Protection Act; To Provide Immunity From Suit And Liability To Health Care Providers And Health Care Facilities That Provide Care During A State Of Emergency And Certain Circumstances; To Define Duty Of Care For Premises Owners; To Provide Immunity From Suit And Liability For Individuals, State And Local Government, Associations, For-Profit And Nonprofit Entities, Religious And Charitable Organizations; To Provide Safe Harbor Compliance With Public Health Guidance; To Provide Immunity From Suit And Liability For Products Made, Sold Or Donated In Response To Covid-19 And Related Circumstances; And For Related Purposes.

#### Primary Sponsors

Sally Doty

**Bill Summary:** Provides that an health care professional, including those engaged in telehealth or telemedicine shall not be held liable for civil damages for any injuries or death resulting from or related to actual or alleged exposure or potential exposure to COVID-19 in the course of or through the performance or provision of its functions or services.

**Introduction Date:** 2020-06-22

# SCTRC June Regulatory Update

Jul 06, 2020

Total State Regs Exported : 1

#	State	Ref #	Status	Type	Intro Date	Document Count
1	MS		Proposed Rule	Regular	Jul 30, 2019	2
<b>Issues</b>		Online Prescribing				
<b>Labels</b>						
<b>Title</b>		<a href="#">Part 2635 Chapter 5: Practice of Telemedicine, Rule 5.9</a>				
<b>Agency</b>		STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE (MS)				
<b>Description</b>		New rule to establish practice requirements for physicians who wish to dispense medications via technology/automated systems via telemedicine.				
<b>Regulation Summary</b>		Establishes practice requirements for physicians who wish to dispense medications via technology/automated systems via telemedicine.				