

House File 296 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to including telemedicine services as a
2 distinct covered service under the medical assistance
3 program.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. MEDICAL ASSISTANCE STATE PLAN AMENDMENT —
2 TELEMEDICINE AS A DISTINCT COVERED SERVICE. The department
3 of human services shall submit a state plan amendment to the
4 centers for Medicare and Medicaid services of the United
5 States department of health and human services for approval
6 to include telemedicine as distinct covered services under
7 the medical assistance program. For the purposes of the
8 state plan amendment, "*telemedicine*" means the delivery and
9 provision of healthcare to patients and the transmission
10 of information related to that care, over distance, using
11 telecommunications technologies, and incorporating direct
12 clinical, preventive, diagnostic, and therapeutic services
13 and treatment; consultative and follow-up services; remote
14 monitoring; rehabilitative services; and patient education.

15 EXPLANATION

16 This bill directs the department of human services to submit
17 an amendment to the medical assistance (Medicaid) state plan
18 to the centers for Medicare and Medicaid services of the
19 United States department of health and human services for
20 approval to include telemedicine as distinct covered services
21 under the Medicaid program. The bill defines "*telemedicine*"
22 as the delivery and provision of healthcare to patients
23 and the transmission of information related to that care,
24 over distance, using telecommunications technologies and
25 incorporating direct clinical, preventive, diagnostic, and
26 therapeutic services and treatment; consultative and follow-up
27 services; remote monitoring; rehabilitative services; and
28 patient education.