Mississippi Legislative Telehealth Updates

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HB 1130
Principal Author: Bomgar
Died in committee

Allows telemedicine providers to provide substance use disorder treatment.

HB 1229
Author: Brown
Died in committee

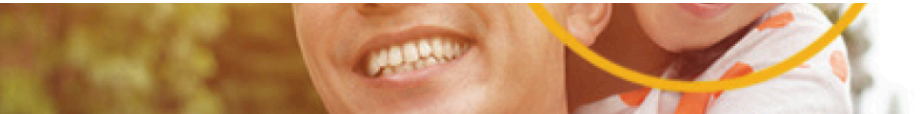
Authorizes House and Senate Medicaid Committees to hire a third-party consultant to review the Mississippi Medicaid program to improve efficiency and eliminate waste, including the optimization of the use of telemedicine.

HB 799
Author: Mims
Died in committee

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.

HB 799
Author: Mims
Died in committee

- Specific legal requirements for telehealth equipment
- RPM reimbursed at a minimum of $10 per day / $16 per day when medication adherence is included
- No geographic restrictions on telehealth within Mississippi
- Store and forward must be handled by a provider licensed by the State of Mississippi
- Deductible, co-payment or coinsurance allowed for store and forward
- Health insurance may limit coverage to health care providers “in network” with a plan
- A health insurance company may not condition payment for services to a health care provider or facility based upon the actions or omissions of another health care provider or facility



SB 2840
Author: Doty
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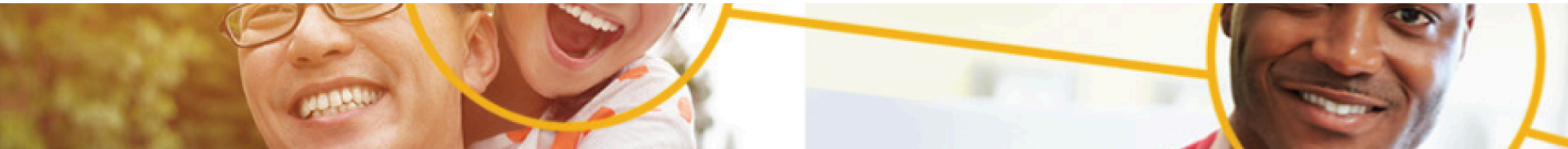
Authorizes telemedicine providers to provide treatment of substance use disorders, including medication-assisted treatment.

SB 2904
Author: Hill
Died in committee

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.

- Telehealth will be no more restrictive than in-person
- Tele-emergency services not required from only a Level 1 trauma center



Part 2635, Chapter 5, Rule 5.7
Agency: Board of Medical Licensure

Amends rules to include Level Two Hospital Trauma Centers as it relates to exceptions for requirements for 24 hour coverage.