

## HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

**HB 530**

**2020 Regular Session**

**Echols**

INSURANCE/HEALTH: Provides for coverage of healthcare services provided through telehealth or telemedicine

### Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Remove the definition of "store-and-forward telemedicine services" and all related provisions.
2. Clarify that telehealth and telemedicine include audio-only conversations as authorized by present law (R.S. 40:1223.3 and R.S. 37:1271).
3. Remove proposed law provisions requiring health insurance coverage of services provided through telehealth or telemedicine.
4. Authorize a health coverage plan issuer to post a link on its website to comply with the proposed law requirement to conspicuously display information on covered telehealth, telemedicine, or remote patient monitoring services.
5. Modify relative to remote patient monitoring services by changing the location of patient services from home or residential settings to home or other nontraditional clinical settings.
6. Make technical changes.

### Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Proposed law defines "health coverage plan", "medication adherence management services", "platform", "remote patient monitoring services", "telehealth", and "telemedicine".

Proposed law requires the issuer of a health coverage plan to display in a conspicuous manner on the issuer's internet website patient information regarding how the patient may receive covered telehealth, telemedicine, or and remote patient monitoring services. Further provides that a link clearly identified on the health coverage plan's issuer's website to the required information is sufficient to comply with proposed law.

Proposed law requires remote patient monitoring services through telehealth or telemedicine to consist of an assessment, problem identification, evaluation, and the implementation of a management plan. Further requires the entity providing remote patient monitoring services to have certain enumerated protocols in place.

Proposed law provides that a health coverage plan may require an authorization request for remote patient monitoring prior to the health coverage plan's approval of coverage for a specified health care service.

Proposed law does not apply to any plan providing coverage for excepted benefits, limited benefit health insurance plans, and short-term policies with a term of less than 12 months.

Effective Jan. 1, 2021.

(Adds R.S. 22:1841-1844)