

# HOUSE BILL No. 5421

February 21, 2012, Introduced by Reps. Lori, Haines, Liss, Crawford, Hughes, Geiss, Kowall, Poleski, Daley, Johnson, Haugh and Knollenberg and referred to the Committee on Health Policy.

A bill to amend 1956 PA 218, entitled "The insurance code of 1956," (MCL 500.100 to 500.8302) by adding section 3476.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1           SEC. 3476. (1) AN EXPENSE-INCURRED HOSPITAL, MEDICAL, OR  
2 SURGICAL GROUP OR INDIVIDUAL POLICY OR CERTIFICATE DELIVERED,  
3 ISSUED FOR DELIVERY, OR RENEWED IN THIS STATE AND A HEALTH  
4 MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION GROUP OR INDIVIDUAL CONTRACT SHALL NOT  
5 REQUIRE FACE-TO-FACE CONTACT BETWEEN A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER AND A  
6 PATIENT FOR SERVICES APPROPRIATELY PROVIDED THROUGH TELEMEDICINE,  
7 SUBJECT TO ALL TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE POLICY, CERTIFICATE, OR  
8 CONTRACT AGREED UPON BETWEEN THE POLICY, CERTIFICATE, OR CONTRACT  
9 HOLDER AND THE INSURER OR HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION.

10           (2) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "TELEMEDICINE" MEANS THE USE OF

1 TELECOMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGIES FOR MEDICAL DIAGNOSIS, CARE, AND  
2 EDUCATION.

3 (3) THIS SECTION APPLIES TO A POLICY, CERTIFICATE, OR CONTRACT  
4 ISSUED OR RENEWED ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2012.