

Legislative Analysis



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House Bill 4131 (proposed substitute H-1)

Sponsor: Rep. Tullio Liberati, Jr.

Committee: Insurance and Financial Services

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SUMMARY:

House Bill 4131 would amend the Insurance Code to prohibit insurers in Michigan from requiring a health care professional to provide services for a patient through telemedicine.

The act currently prohibits any insurer that delivers, issues for delivery, or renews a health insurance policy in Michigan from requiring face-to-face contact between a health care professional and patient for services that the insurer determines are appropriately provided through *telemedicine*.

Telemedicine means the use of an electronic media to link patients with health care professionals in different locations. To be considered telemedicine, the health care professional must be able to examine the patient via a Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)-compliant, secure interactive audio or video, or both, telecommunications system, or through the use of store and forward online messaging.

The bill would additionally prohibit such insurers from requiring a health care professional to provide services for a patient through telemedicine.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

The bill would have no fiscal impact on the state or local units of government.

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