

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 660 - SB 725**

January 10, 2016

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Clarifies that a health insurance entity will provide coverage for healthcare services provided during a telehealth encounter involving a licensed healthcare provider in a manner that is consistent with what the health insurance policy or contract provides for with in-person encounters for the same service.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions:

- The proposed legislation clarifies that required coverage for telehealth encounters includes only those telehealth encounters with licensed healthcare providers. Any impact on the Department of Commerce and Insurance will be not significant.
- Based on information provided by the Bureau of TennCare, the proposed legislation would not change Health Care Finance and Administration's (HCFA) current policies regarding coverage of telehealth services.
- The Department of Finance and Administration, the Division of Benefits Administration, does not currently cover services delivered by unlicensed providers.

**IMPACT TO COMMERCE:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

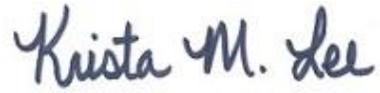
Assumptions:

- The current requirement that a health insurance entity must provide coverage for healthcare services provided during a telehealth encounter in a manner that is consistent with what the health insurance policy or contract provides for with in-person encounters for the same service is assumed to only apply when such encounters involve licensed healthcare providers. As a result, any impact on business revenue or expenditures is estimated to be not significant.

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**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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