

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to health care; extending the date for coverage of certain telemedicine
1.3 services; amending Laws 2020, chapter 70, article 3, section 1.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. Laws 2020, chapter 70, article 3, section 1, is amended to read:

1.6 Section 1. **COVERAGE OF TELEMEDICINE SERVICES PROVIDED DIRECTLY**
1.7 **TO A PATIENT AT THE PATIENT'S RESIDENCE; RESPONSE TO COVID-19.**

1.8 (a) The definition of "originating site" under Minnesota Statutes, section 62A.671,
1.9 subdivision 7, includes a patient's residence if the patient is receiving health care services
1.10 or consultations by means of telemedicine.

1.11 (b) The definition of "telemedicine" under Minnesota Statutes, section 62A.671,
1.12 subdivision 9, includes health care services or consultations delivered to a patient at the
1.13 patient's residence.

1.14 (c) Under Minnesota Statutes, section 62A.672, subdivision 2, a health carrier shall not
1.15 exclude or reduce coverage for a health care service or consultation solely because the
1.16 service or consultation is provided via telemedicine directly to a patient at the patient's
1.17 residence.

1.18 (d) "Telemedicine" as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 256B.0625, subdivision
1.19 3b, paragraph (d), includes the delivery of health care services or consultations with a patient
1.20 at the patient's residence and the licensed health care provider at a distant site.

1.21 (e) This section expires ~~February 1~~ June 30, 2021.

2.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.