

Department of Planning and Budget

2022 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB 663

House of Origin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron: Stanley

3. Committee: Education and Health

4. Title: Telemedicine services; State plan for medical assistance services, provision for payment

5. Summary: This legislation directs the Board of Health to amend the state plan for medical assistance services to include a provision for the payment of the originating site fee to emergency medical service agencies for facilitating synchronous telehealth visits with a distant site provider delivered to a Medicaid member. The bill defines "originating site" as any location where the patient is located, including any medical care facility or office of a health care provider, the home of the patient, the patient's place of employment, or any public or private primary or secondary school or postsecondary institution of higher education at which the person to whom telemedicine services are provided is located.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. Minimal Fiscal Impact

8. Fiscal Implications: By expanding of the definition of "originating site", the Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) maintains that facilities such as hospitals would be able to bill for telemedicine as is now only available for physicians, licensed professional counselors, psychiatric nurse specialists, federally qualified health clinics, rural health clinics, mental health education services, licensed clinical social workers, psychiatric residential facilities, and licensed marriage and family counselors. Based on the current utilization of this service, DMAS does not expect this bill to have a significant fiscal impact on program costs.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:
Department of Medical Assistance Services

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None