



## 97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2011 and 2012

HB0107

Introduced 1/12/2011, by Rep. Naomi D. Jakobsson

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

305 ILCS 5/5-5.25a new

Amends the Medical Assistance Article of the Illinois Public Aid Code. Requires the Department of Healthcare and Family Services to reimburse the practice of telemedicine by medical services providers, including, but not limited to, physicians, advanced practice nurses, federally qualified health centers, or psychiatrists. Further provides that the Department shall establish (i) criteria for the services to be reimbursed and (ii) a method to reimburse providers for services provided by telemedicine.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning public aid.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Public Aid Code is amended by  
5 adding Section 5-5.25a as follows:

6 (305 ILCS 5/5-5.25a new)

7 Sec. 5-5.25a. Telemedicine. The General Assembly finds  
8 that providing medical services in a timely and safe manner by  
9 telemedicine, as defined by Section 49.5 of the Medical  
10 Practice Act of 1987, will ensure the health and well being of  
11 recipients of medical assistance under this Code, and that this  
12 method of medical service delivery should contain costs by  
13 avoiding the need for more costly inpatient hospitalization or  
14 specialty care not otherwise available or accessible without  
15 significant cost or inconvenience to the recipients. The  
16 Department of Healthcare and Family Services shall reimburse  
17 the practice of telemedicine by medical service providers,  
18 including, but not limited to, physicians, advanced practice  
19 nurses, federally qualified health centers as defined in  
20 Section 1905(1)(2)(B) of the federal Social Security Act, or  
21 psychiatrists, as authorized by Illinois law. The Department,  
22 by rule, shall establish (i) criteria for the services to be  
23 reimbursed, including appropriate facilities and equipment to

1 be used at both sites and requirements for a physician or other  
2 licensed health care professional to be present at the site  
3 where the recipient is located, and (ii) a method to reimburse  
4 providers for services provided by telemedicine.