



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2025 and 2026

HB5772

Introduced 5/12/2026, by Rep. Barbara Hernandez

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

65 ILCS 5/Art. 11 Div. 29.4 heading new
65 ILCS 5/11-29.4-1 new

Amends the Illinois Municipal Code. Provides that a municipality may enter into contractual agreements with a company that offers telehealth services or text-a-physician services or other text-based health care services. Defines "physician", "telehealth", and "text-based health care services". Effective January 1, 2027.

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1 AN ACT concerning local government.

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

4 Section 5. The Illinois Municipal Code is amended by
5 adding Division 29.4 as follows:

6 (65 ILCS 5/Art. 11 Div. 29.4 heading new)

7 DIVISION 29.4. TEXT-A-PHYSICIAN AND OTHER TELEHEALTH SERVICES

8 (65 ILCS 5/11-29.4-1 new)

9 Sec. 11-29.4-1. Text-a-physician and other telehealth
10 services.

11 (a) As used in this Section:

12 "Physician" means any person licensed to practice medicine
13 in all its branches under the Medical Practice Act of 1987.

14 "Telehealth" means the evaluation, diagnosis, or
15 interpretation of patient-specific data that is transmitted by
16 way of an interactive telecommunication system between a
17 remote location and a physician located at a distant site that
18 generates interaction or treatment recommendations for a
19 patient located at a remote location.

20 "Text-based health care services" means an asynchronous
21 program that provides residents of a municipality with the
22 opportunity to connect with licensed State medical

1 professionals, including, but not limited to, physicians, via
2 text message to obtain answers to medical questions, guidance
3 concerning medical issues, physician notes for work and
4 school, and, if necessary, prescriptions for routine
5 medications. "Text-based health care services" includes
6 programs that provide text-a-physician services.

7 (b) A municipality may enter into contractual agreements
8 with a company that offers telehealth services or
9 text-a-physician services or other text-based health care
10 services.

11 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect January
12 1, 2027.