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# Fiscal Note

**Drafting Number:** LLS 21-0863  
**Prime Sponsors:** Rep. Lontine

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**Bill Status:** House Health & Insurance  
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**Bill Topic:** **DELIVERING HEALTH-CARE SERVICES THROUGH TELEMEDICINE**

**Summary of Fiscal Impact:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> State Revenue                | <input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund            |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure | <input type="checkbox"/> Local Government        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> State Transfer               | <input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity |

The bill requires rulemaking related to entities delivering health care services exclusively or primarily through telemedicine for the state's Medicaid program. This will increase state workload in FY 2022-22.

**Appropriation Summary:** No appropriation is required.

**Fiscal Note Status:** The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

## Summary of Legislation

The bill directs the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing, which administers the state's Medicaid program, to promulgate rules specifically relating to health care providers that deliver health care or mental health services exclusively or primarily through telemedicine.

## Background

Under current law, Colorado's Medicaid program covers health care services provided through telemedicine so long as the services meet the same standard of care as an in-person visit and are delivered using HIPAA-compliant technology.

## State Expenditures

Workload for the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing will increase to promulgate rules. This workload can be incorporated within ongoing work at the department to implement telemedicine in the state; no change in appropriations is required.

## **Effective Date**

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

## **State and Local Government Contacts**

Health Care Policy and Financing