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SB 258 Signed into Law; Will Expand Telemedicine in New Hampshire

CONCORD—Today, SB 258 was signed into law, which will expand telemedicine in New Hampshire. This bill allows primary care physicians and pediatricians to bill Medicaid and private insurers for telemedicine services, previously only allowed by health care specialists. It also allows billing for in-home patient monitoring, as well as storing and forwarding of information for examinations.

Prime sponsor Senator Jay Kahn (D-Keene) and Senate Health and Human Services Chair Dr. Tom Sherman (D-Rye) released the following statements after the signing:

“Telemedicine expansion is important not just for rural health care delivery. It will accelerate diagnosis and communication between health care providers, patients, emergency responders, guardians, and caregivers – thereby reducing the cost of health care. This bill grew from a bipartisan study committee with input from health care providers and the Department of Health and Human Services; it expands billable services to in-home care providers and a broader range of physician services. I applaud Governor Sununu’s decision to sign this bill to expand telemedicine in the Granite State,” said **Senator Jay Kahn (D-Keene)**, prime sponsor of SB 258.

“Technology had advanced to the point where telemedicine can create real-time productive connections between health care providers and their patients,” said **Senator Dr. Tom Sherman (D-Rye)**, a practicing gastroenterologist and chair of the Senate Health and Human Services Committee. “While we can never fully replace face-to-face medical interaction, telemedicine has the potential to redefine the role of the traditional office visit, allowing ready access to expertise essential to a patient’s care.”

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