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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Ortiz y Pino ORIGINAL DATE 02/02/21
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SHORT TITLE Teledentistry Definition SB 200/aSHPAC

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ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY21	FY22	FY23	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total	NFI	NFI	NFI			

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Regulation and Licensing Department (RLD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of SHPAC Amendment

The Senate Health and Public Affairs Committee amendment to Senate Bill 200 clarifies that those practicing teledentistry are also subject to disciplinary proceedings pertaining to licensure and inserts a new section to apply the Uniform Licensing Act and rules of the board to those disciplinary proceedings.

Synopsis of Original Bill

Senate Bill 200 amends the Dental Health Care Act, Section 61-5A-3(AA) NMSA 1978 to modify the definition of “teledentistry” which would now conform to the current definition as used in the New Mexico Telehealth Act. This new definition would define teledentistry as “the use of electronic information, imaging and communication technologies, including interactive audio, video and data communications as well as store-and-forward technologies, to provide and support health care delivery, diagnosis, consultation, treatment, transfer of medical data and education.”

The current definition of “teledentistry” in the Dental Health Care Act more narrowly defines the term to include a dentist’s use of health information technology to provide limited diagnostic and treatment planning services in cooperation with other dental practitioners or dental students.

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There is no effective date of this bill. It is assumed that the effective date is 90 days following adjournment of the Legislature.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

No fiscal implications associated with Senate Bill 200.

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