

LFC Requestor: Self Assigned

2025 LEGISLATIVE SESSION  
AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS

Section I: General

Chamber: Senate

Category: Bill

Number: 12

Type: Introduced

Date (of THIS analysis): 01/28/2025

Sponsor(s): Antoinette Sedillo Lopez

Short Title: Relating to Telehealth

Reviewing Agency: Agency 665 - Department of Health

Analysis Contact Person: Arya Lamb

Phone Number: 505-470-4141

e-Mail: Arya.Lamb@doh.nm.gov

---

---

Section II: Fiscal Impact

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation Contained		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY 25	FY 26		
\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	N/A	N/A

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY 25	FY 26	FY 27		
\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	N/A	N/A

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY 25	FY 26	FY 27	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Non-recurring	Fund Affected
Total	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	N/A	N/A

### Section III: Relationship to other legislation

Duplicates: None

Conflicts with: None

Companion to: None

Relates to: None

Duplicates/Relates to an Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act: None

### Section IV: Narrative

#### 1. BILL SUMMARY

a) Synopsis

Senate Bill 12 (SB12) would make changes to the New Mexico Telehealth License requirements and allow providers not licensed in New Mexico to provide consultation for prospective treatment or provide a second opinion. The consultation for prospective treatment would be for scenarios where a person would be travelling to the state where the provider is licensed to receive medical services.

Is this an amendment or substitution?  Yes  No

Is there an emergency clause?  Yes  No

b) Significant Issues

With the shortage of medical providers in the State of New Mexico, SB12 would allow residents to seek out specialty services from out of State providers without those providers being required to obtain a New Mexico telehealth license. This will reduce the administrative burden for providers and patients who are going to another state for services, or who require a second opinion related to treatment or diagnosis.

New Mexico does not have the exact numbers related to residents who seek out of state treatment, so it is challenging to estimate the full impact, however removing barriers to access to medical providers and specialists could be beneficial for all residents.

#### 2. PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

- Does this bill impact the current delivery of NMDOH services or operations?  
 Yes  No
- Is this proposal related to the NMDOH Strategic Plan?  Yes  No

- Goal 1:** We expand equitable access to services for all New Mexicans
- Goal 2:** We ensure safety in New Mexico healthcare environments
- Goal 3:** We improve health status for all New Mexicans
- Goal 4:** We support each other by promoting an environment of mutual respect, trust, open communication, and needed resources for staff to serve New Mexicans and to grow and reach their professional goals

### 3. FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

- If there is an appropriation, is it included in the Executive Budget Request?  
 Yes  No  N/A
- If there is an appropriation, is it included in the LFC Budget Request?  
 Yes  No  N/A
- Does this bill have a fiscal impact on NMDOH?  Yes  No

### 4. ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Will this bill have an administrative impact on NMDOH?  Yes  No

### 5. DUPLICATION, CONFLICT, COMPANIONSHIP OR RELATIONSHIP

None

### 6. TECHNICAL ISSUES

Are there technical issues with the bill?  Yes  No.

### 7. LEGAL/REGULATORY ISSUES (OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES)

- Will administrative rules need to be updated or new rules written?  Yes  No
- Have there been changes in federal/state/local laws and regulations that make this legislation necessary (or unnecessary)?  Yes  No
- Does this bill conflict with federal grant requirements or associated regulations?  
 Yes  No
- Are there any legal problems or conflicts with existing laws, regulations, policies, or programs?  Yes  No

### 8. DISPARITIES ISSUES

None

### 9. HEALTH IMPACT(S)

None

### 10. ALTERNATIVES

None

### 11. WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL?

If SB12 is not passed, changes to the New Mexico Telehealth License requirements would not be made, and providers not licensed in New Mexico would not be allowed to provide consultation for prospective treatment or provide a second opinion.

**12. AMENDMENTS**

None