

SUBJECT: Allowing Medicaid reimbursement for home telemonitoring services

COMMITTEE: Human Services — committee substitute recommended

VOTE: 8 ayes — Frank, Hinojosa, Clardy, Klick, Meza, Miller, Noble, Rose
0 nays
1 absent — Deshotel

WITNESSES: For — Xavier Sandoval, Allheal Home Health, Inc; Ives Soto, Remote Patient Management Alliance; (*Registered, but did not testify*: Linda Townsend, CHRISTUS Health; Heather Vasek, Doctor's Hospital at Renaissance in McAllen; Will Francis, National Association of Social Workers-Texas Chapter; Jessica Schleifer, Teaching Hospitals of Texas; Elizabeth Lippincott, Texas Border Coalition; Leela Rice, Texas Council of Community Centers)

Against — None

On — (*Registered, but did not testify*: Erin McManus, Health and Human Services Commission)

BACKGROUND: Government Code sec. 531.001(4-a) defines a "home telemonitoring service" as a health service that requires scheduled remote monitoring of data related to a patient's health and transmission of the data to a licensed home and community support services agency or a hospital.

Government Code sec. 531.02176 prohibits the Health and Human Services Commission from reimbursing Medicaid providers for home telemonitoring services on or after September 1, 2019.

DIGEST: CSHB 2062 would repeal the expiration date on Medicaid reimbursement for home telemonitoring services.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2019.

NOTES: According to the Legislative Budget Board, the bill would have a negative impact of \$15 million to general revenue related funds through fiscal 2020-21.