

# OFFICE OF FISCAL ANALYSIS

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AN ACT EXPANDING MEDICAID COVERAGE OF TELEHEALTH SERVICES.

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## ***OFA Fiscal Note***

### ***State Impact:***

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 20 \$	FY 21 \$
Social Services, Dept.	GF - Uncertain	See Below	See Below

Note: GF=General Fund

***Municipal Impact:*** None

### ***Explanation***

There will be a fiscal impact to the Department of Social Services (DSS) to expand Medicaid coverage for telehealth services. Currently, electronic consultations (e-consults) between primary care providers and specialists are covered under Medicaid, as are certain telehealth services under the Community First Choice program.

The bill requires DSS to phase in statewide coverage of telehealth services by July 1, 2020. The impact will depend on (1) the extent to which telehealth will be utilized by clients, (2) the impact of telemedicine on total overall utilization of services covered by Medicaid, and (3) patient outcomes.

### ***The Out Years***

There may be savings to the state in the future depending on the health outcomes of participants and any changes in the utilization of services.