

THE NONPROFIT HEALTH CARE CORPORATION REFORM ACT (EXCERPT)
Act 350 of 1980

550.1401k Telemedicine services; provisions; definition; applicability.

Sec. 401k. (1) A group or nongroup health care corporation certificate shall not require face-to-face contact between a health care professional and a patient for services appropriately provided through telemedicine, as determined by the health care corporation. Telemedicine services shall be provided by a health care professional who is licensed, registered, or otherwise authorized to engage in his or her health care profession in the state where the patient is located. Telemedicine services are subject to all terms and conditions of the certificate agreed upon between the certificate holder and the health care corporation, including, but not limited to, required copayments, coinsurances, deductibles, and approved amounts.

(2) As used in this section, "telemedicine" means the use of an electronic media to link patients with health care professionals in different locations. To be considered telemedicine under this section, the health care professional must be able to examine the patient via a real-time, interactive audio or video, or both, telecommunications system and the patient must be able to interact with the off-site health care professional at the time the services are provided.

(3) This section applies to a certificate issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2013.

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