

Great Plains Legislative/Regulatory February 2015 Update

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LEGISLATION

Pending Legislation

State	Bill #	Status	Summary
Iowa	HF 218	2/19/15: Passed Subcommittee	This bill relates to telehealth and professional licensure, insurance coverage, and reimbursement under the medical assistance program.
Iowa	HSB 20	1/21/15: In House Lounge Human Resources.	This bill would adopt the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact developed by the Federation of State Medical Boards.
Iowa	SF 273	2/19/15: Introduced	This bill would adopt the Federation of State Medical Boards' Interstate Medical Licensure Compact.
Iowa	SSB 1019	1/18/15: Voted in Human Resources Committee.	This bill would adopt the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact developed by the Federation of State Medical Boards.
Minnesota	HF 321	1/22/15: Introduced and referred to House Committee on Health and Human Services Reform	This bill would adopt the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact developed by the Federation of State Medical Boards.
Minnesota	HF 850	2/12/15: Introduced and referred to House Committee on Health and	This bill modifies provisions related to intensive rehabilitative mental health services. Specifies that physician services, whether billed separately or included in the rate, may be delivered by telemedicine.

		Human Services Finances.	
Minnesota	HF 941	2/16/15: Introduced and referred to Agriculture Finance Committee	This bill allocates \$8,250,000 each year to establish a statewide telepathology and telemedicine veterinary network with three regional sites.
Minnesota	HF 1243	2/25/15: Introduced and referred to Transportation Policy and Finance Committee	This bill would require the commissioner to take certain steps regarding community virtualization which means the application of telecommunication technologies to more cost effectively deliver and expand access to services with communities. Among other things, the commissioner must work cooperatively with employers, insurance industry representatives, telemedicine representatives, etc.
Minnesota	HF 1246	2/25/15: Introduced and referred to Committee on Health and Human Services Reform	This bill would provide for telemedicine coverage and parity between telemedicine and in person services. It would also require coverage of telemedicine through the medical assistance plan.
Minnesota	SF 253	2/19/15: Referred to Senate Committee of Judiciary.	This bill would adopt the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact developed by the Federation of State Medical Boards.
Minnesota	SF 825	2/12/15: Introduced and referred to Senate Committee on Health, Human Services and Housing	This bill modifies provisions related to intensive rehabilitative mental health services. Specifies that physician services, whether billed separately or included in the rate, may be delivered by telemedicine.
Minnesota	SF 981	2/19/15: Introduced and referred to Health, Human Services and Housing Committee	This bill would provide for telemedicine coverage and parity between telemedicine and in person services. It would also require coverage of telemedicine through the medical assistance plan.
Minnesota	SF 1150	2/26/15: Introduced and referred to Health, Human Services and Housing Committee	This bill would provide for telemedicine coverage and parity between telemedicine and in person services. It would also require coverage of telemedicine through the medical assistance plan.

Nebraska	LB 37	2/23/15 Advanced to enrollment and initial review. Amendments filed.	This bill adds requirements for electronic prescribing.
Nebraska	LB 125	1/12/15: To Legislative Committee on Appropriations	This bill would create the Health Care Homes for the Medically Underserved Fund to enhance the ability of NE's FQHCs to provide patient-centered medical homes to low income medically underserved populations. Funds must be used for information technology, including telehealth services (among other things).
Nebraska	LB 257	2/12/15: Placed on General File.	This bill would require insurers to provide descriptions relating to telehealth and telemonitoring as prescribed.
Nebraska	LB 258	2/10/15: Notice of hearing for March 5, 2015.	This bill would adopt the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact developed by the Federation of State Medical Boards.
Nebraska	LB 518	2/10/15: Notice of hearing for March 18, 2015.	Sponsor: Riepe This bill would establish a telephone triage or telemedicine program (among other things).
Nebraska	LB 549	1/28/15: Notice of hearing for February 20, 2015	Sponsor: Campbell This bill would adopt the Health Care Transformation Act. It would establish building blocks of health care, which would include (among other things) addressing health care workforce shortages by developing strategies to attract health care workers to medically underserved areas, evaluating new categories of health care team members, and developing statewide telehealth and internet cable care.
North Dakota	HB 1038	2/23/15: Committee amendment adopted on House Floor.	Provides that the Public Employees Retirement System uniform group insurance must provide medical benefits coverage under a policy that provides coverage for health care services provided by a health care provider or health care facility by means of telemedicine which are the same as the policy coverage of in-person health care services provided by a health care provider or health care facility.

North Dakota	HB 1323	2/23/15: Engrossed. Transmitted to Senate.	This bill relates to the creation and implementation of a stroke system. It provides a definition for telemedicine.
South Dakota	SB 63	2/19/15: Passed House Health and Human Services Committee.	This bill would adopt the Federation of State Medical Board's Interstate Medical Licensure Compact.

REGULATION

Pending Regulation

State	Lexis. Ref. #/Reg.	Status	Summary
Iowa	653-13.11	12/10/14: proposed rule Comment deadline: 1/15/15	Title: Standards of practice – telemedicine Agency: Iowa Board of Medicine Summary: Establishes standards of practice for physicians who use telemedicine in their medical practices.
Minnesota	MCAR 4770.4000, etc.	12/15/14: Proposed expedited rule Comment deadline: 1/14/15	Title: Medical Cannabis Patient Registry Agency: Department of Health, Office of Medical Cannabis Summary: This bill provides the regulatory requirements for a medical cannabis patient registry. States that an in-person examination for the purposes of obtaining medical cannabis may not be performed by remote means, including telemedicine or via the internet.
Nebraska	Title 471 NAC Chapter 1 Section 006	6/24/14: Filed with Governor's Policy Research Office for Governor Review	Title: Telehealth Services for Physical and Behavioral Health Services Agency: Department of Health and Human Services Establishes rules for telehealth Medicaid services reimbursement. Rules include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To access telehealth behavioral health services for a child, they must not have comparable service access within 30 miles of his/her place of residence. • Requires informed consent.

			<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Requires an emergency plan to be developed.• Outlines specific requirements for the patient record.
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