

CHAPTER 58--S.F.No. 1353

An act relating to health occupations; establishing requirements for the practice of telemedicine; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 147.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. **[147.033] PRACTICE OF TELEMEDICINE.**

Subdivision 1. **Definition.** For the purposes of this section, "telemedicine" means the delivery of health care services or consultations while the patient is at an originating site and the licensed health care provider is at a distant site. A communication between licensed health care providers that consists solely of a telephone conversation, e-mail, or facsimile transmission does not constitute telemedicine consultations or services. A communication between a licensed health care provider and a patient that consists solely of an e-mail or facsimile transmission does not constitute telemedicine consultations or services. Telemedicine may be provided by means of real-time two-way interactive audio, and visual communications, including the application of secure video conferencing or store-and-forward technology to provide or support health care delivery, that facilitate the assessment, diagnosis, consultation, treatment, education, and care management of a patient's health care.

Subd. 2. **Physician-patient relationship.** A physician-patient relationship may be established through telemedicine.

Subd. 3. **Standards of practice and conduct.** A physician providing health care services by telemedicine in this state shall be held to the same standards of practice and conduct as provided in this chapter for in-person health care services.

Presented to the governor May 15, 2017

Signed by the governor May 17, 2017, 3:50 p.m.