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sHB-6470

AN ACT CONCERNING HOME HEALTH, TELEHEALTH AND
UTILIZATION REVIEW.

As Amended by House "A" (LCO 9535)

House Calendar No.: 219

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: See Below

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill (1) specifies conditions under which audio-only telehealth services can be provided under Medicaid and HUSKY B, and (2) requires Medicaid reimbursement for telehealth services to be the same as if the service was provided in person, to the extent allowed under federal law. DSS currently reimburses for telehealth services (including audio-only under certain conditions) at the in-person rate. While this codifies current practice under the public health emergency, it could preclude future savings to the extent telehealth services would otherwise be provided at lower rates than those established for equivalent in-person services.

The bill makes other technical and conforming changes, which have no fiscal impact.

House "A" strikes the language in the underlying bill and the associated fiscal impact and results in the impact described above.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would

continue into the future subject to inflation.