

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 58th Legislature (2021)

3 SENATE BILL 397

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to the Oklahoma Health Care
8 Authority; requiring certain reimbursement of
9 services provided through telemedicine; directing the
10 Authority to seek certain federal approval; defining
11 term; providing for codification; providing an
12 effective date; and declaring an emergency.

13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

14 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
15 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 5025.1 of Title 63, unless there
16 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

17 The Oklahoma Health Care Authority shall reimburse a contracted
18 provider for the diagnosis, consultation or treatment of a patient
19 delivered through telemedicine services on the same basis and at
20 least at the rate of reimbursement that the Authority is responsible
21 for coverage for the provision of the same, or substantially
22 similar, service through in-person diagnosis, consultation or
23 treatment. The Authority shall seek any federal approval necessary
24 to implement this section. As used in this section, "telemedicine"

1 shall have the same meaning as provided by Section 478 of Title 59
2 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

3 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2021.

4 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
5 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
6 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
7 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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