

HOUSE BILL No. 1147

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 12-15-5.

Synopsis: Community health workers and Medicaid. Requires Medicaid to provide community health services at a calendar month of either: (1) not more than 30 units; or (2) a greater monthly unit amount, as determined by the office of the secretary of family and social services. Includes community health workers as a provider of telemedicine under the Medicaid program.

Effective: July 1, 2021.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning Medicaid.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 12-15-5-6.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
3 1, 2021]: **Sec. 6.5. (a) Community health services are provided for
4 a Medicaid recipient per calendar month at either:**

- 5 (1) **not more than thirty (30) units, with one (1) unit consisting**
- 6 **of thirty (30) minutes; or**
- 7 (2) **a monthly unit amount greater than subdivision (1), as**
- 8 **determined by the office.**

9 (b) **The office shall apply to the United States Department of**
10 **Health and Human Services for any Medicaid state plan**
11 **amendment or waiver necessary to implement this section.**

12 SECTION 2. IC 12-15-5-11, AS AMENDED BY P.L.150-2017,
13 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
14 JULY 1, 2021]: Sec. 11. (a) As used in this section, "telehealth
15 services" means the use of telecommunications and information
16 technology to provide access to health assessment, diagnosis,
17 intervention, consultation, supervision, and information across a



- 1 distance.
- 2 (b) As used in this section, "telemedicine services" has the meaning
- 3 set forth for "telemedicine" in IC 25-1-9.5-6.
- 4 (c) The office shall reimburse a Medicaid provider who is licensed
- 5 as a home health agency under IC 16-27-1 for telehealth services.
- 6 (d) The office shall reimburse the following Medicaid providers for
- 7 medically necessary telemedicine services:
- 8 (1) A federally qualified health center (as defined in 42 U.S.C.
- 9 1396d(l)(2)(B)).
- 10 (2) A rural health clinic (as defined in 42 U.S.C. 1396d(l)(1)).
- 11 (3) A community mental health center certified under
- 12 IC 12-21-2-3(5)(C).
- 13 (4) A critical access hospital that meets the criteria under 42 CFR
- 14 485.601 et seq.
- 15 (5) A provider, as determined by the office to be eligible,
- 16 providing a covered telemedicine service.
- 17 **(6) A community health worker.**
- 18 (e) The office may not impose any distance restrictions on providers
- 19 of telehealth services or telemedicine services. Before December 31,
- 20 2017, the office shall do the following:
- 21 (1) Submit a Medicaid state plan amendment with the United
- 22 States Department of Health and Human Services that eliminates
- 23 distance restrictions for telehealth services or telemedicine
- 24 services in the state Medicaid plan.
- 25 (2) Issue a notice of intent to adopt a rule to amend any
- 26 administrative rules that include distance restrictions for the
- 27 provision of telehealth services or telemedicine services.
- 28 (f) The office shall implement any part of this section that is
- 29 approved by the United States Department of Health and Human
- 30 Services.
- 31 (g) The office may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 necessary to
- 32 implement and administer this section.

