

Enrolled
Senate Bill 786

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE

CHAPTER

AN ACT

Relating to telehealth.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section, “telehealth” means a variety of methods, through the use of electronic and telecommunications technologies, for the distance delivery of health care services, including dental care services, and clinical information designed to improve a patient’s health status and to enhance delivery of the health care services and clinical information.

(2) A dental care provider authorized by the Oregon Board of Dentistry to practice dental care services may use telehealth if:

(a) In the professional judgment of the dental care provider, the use of telehealth is an appropriate manner in which to provide a dental care service; and

(b) The dental care provider is providing a dental care service that is within the scope of practice of the dental care provider.

(3) The use of telehealth as described in subsection (2) of this section is not an expansion of the scope of practice of a dental care provider.

(4) The board shall treat a dental care service that is delivered by a dental care provider through telehealth as described in subsection (2) of this section the same as the board treats the dental care service when delivered in person. The board shall apply identical quality and practice standards to a particular dental care service regardless of the method of delivery of the dental care service.

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