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# Final Fiscal Note

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<b>Drafting Number:</b>	LLS 21-0670	<b>Date:</b>	September 24, 2021
<b>Prime Sponsors:</b>	Rep. Rich; Esgar Sen. Kirkmeyer; Fields	<b>Bill Status:</b>	Signed into Law
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**Bill Topic:** **DEFINING TELEMEDICINE FOR MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS**

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**Summary of Fiscal Impact:**

<input type="checkbox"/> State Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure	<input type="checkbox"/> Local Government
<input type="checkbox"/> State Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity

The bill modifies the definition of telemedicine to require HIPAA-compliant telecommunications. It increases state agency workload in FY 2021-22 only.

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**Appropriation Summary:** No appropriation is required.

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**Fiscal Note Status:** The fiscal note reflects the enacted bill.

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## Summary of Legislation

For the purpose of the "Colorado Medical Practice Act," the bill modifies the definition of telemedicine as the delivery of services through HIPAA-compliant telecommunications systems, including information, electronic, and communication technologies, remote monitoring technologies, and store-and-forward transfers, to facilitate the assessment, diagnosis, consultation, or treatment of a patient.

## State Expenditures

The Division of Professions and Occupations in the Department of Regulatory Agencies may be required to update rules and guidance to comply with the bill; this one-time workload is minimal and can be accomplished within existing appropriations.

## Effective Date

The bill was signed into law by the Governor and took effect on May 18, 2021.

**State and Local Government Contacts**

Health Care Policy and Financing  
Public Health and Environment

Information Technology  
Regulatory Agencies