



# 128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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## An Act Regarding Telehealth

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "**

**Committee: Insurance and Financial Services**

**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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### Fiscal Note

Potential future biennium cost increase - All Funds

#### **Fiscal Detail and Notes**

The bill has an effective date of January 1, 2019, so only contracts executed after January 1, 2019 will be required to meet the coverage in this bill. Currently, within the State Employee Health Plan (SEHP), telehealth services are consistent with coverage for in-person services and with providers acting in his/her scope of practice. Beginning with the SEHP contract for fiscal year 2019-20, the telehealth service requirements will be expanded and there is a potential for an increase in costs to the SEHP. It is expected that some number of services will be shifted to telehealth from an in-office visit and will have no cost impact to the SEHP. However, there may also be additional services covered via telehealth that would never have been provided in an office. It is not know how many additional services will be provided through this expanded telehealth offering and no estimate of cost is made at this time.