Heartland Telehealth Resource Center provides telehealth technical assistance to Kansas, Missouri, and Oklahoma.

A few notes about this report:
1. Bills are organized into specific telehealth "topic area".
2. The Fiscal Note (FN) Outlook: The left hand column indicates the bill's Pre-Floor Score, and the right hand column indicates the bill's actual Floor Score of the last chamber it was in (either Senate or House).
3. Regulations are listed at the end in order of their publication date.
4. If you would like to learn more about any piece of legislation or regulation, the bill numbers and regulation titles are clickable and link out to additional information.

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All Bills (by topic)

Broadband (1)

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Title
Telecommunications; modifying definition of high speed Internet access service or broadband service; effective date.

Primary Sponsors
Logan Phillips, Jim Montgomery

Bill Summary:
Modifies the definition of "high speed internet access service" or "broadband" to include a twenty-five megabits per second connection and in excess of or a constant upload speed of three megabits per second.
### Bill Title

**Title**
Senate Substitute for HB 2487 by Committee on Education - Providing for individuals with disabilities by clarifying authority of the Kansas commission for the deaf and hard of hearing; enacting the audiology and speech-language pathology interstate compact; providing disability placards to school districts, interlocal cooperatives, postsecondary educational institutions and institutions under the direction of the department for aging and disability services; and updating references to emotional disability.

(more)

**Primary Sponsors**
House Committee on Education

### Bill Summary

**Bill Summary:** Enacts the Audiology and Speech Language Pathology Compact.

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### Bill Number: HB 2487

**State:** KS  
**Last Action:** Committee Report Recommending Substitute Bill Be Passed By Committee On Education 2020 03 18  
**Status:** In Senate  

**Title**
Enacting the audiology and speech language pathology interstate compact.

**Primary Sponsors**
Susan Concannon

**Bill Summary:** Enacts the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact.

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### Bill Number: HB 2670

**State:** KS  
**Last Action:** Referred To Committee On Health And Human Services 2020 02 13  
**Status:** In House  

**Title**
Enacting the audiology and speech language pathology interstate compact.

**Primary Sponsors**
Susan Concannon

**Bill Summary:** Enacts the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact.

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### Bill Number: SB 443

**State:** KS  
**Last Action:** Referred To Committee On Public Health And Welfare 2020 02 17  
**Status:** In Senate  

**Title**
Enacting the audiology and speech-language pathology interstate compact.

**Primary Sponsors**
Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare

**Bill Summary:** Enacts the audiology and speech-language pathology interstate compact.

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### Bill Number: HB 2256

**State:** MO  
**Last Action:** Referred Professional Registration And Licensing H 2020 02 13  
**Status:** In House  

**Title**
Establishes Missouri as a member of the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact

**Primary Sponsors**
Derek Grier

**Bill Summary:** Enacts the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact.
**Title**
Modifies provisions relating to telehealth services

**Primary Sponsors**
Steve Helms

**Bill Summary:** Amends licensing requirements for the delivery of services through telehealth. Permits providers not licensed in Missouri to practice telemedicine or telehealth if they hold an active, unencumbered license for a health care profession issued in another state, have never been subject to discipline by a licensing agency or any state or federal jurisdiction, excluding any action related to nonpayment of fees, act in compliance with existing requirements regarding the maintenance of liability insurance, remain subject to state jurisdiction if either the patient or the provider is located in the state at the time services are provided, and have never had a controlled substance license or permit suspended or revoked by a state or the United States Drug Enforcement Administration.

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**Title**
Professions and occupations; creating the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact; effective date.

**Primary Sponsors**
Josh West, Dave Rader

**Bill Summary:** Enacts the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact.

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**Title**
Professions and occupations; Nurse Licensure Compact; providing for multistate license restrictions; effective date.

**Primary Sponsors**
Sean Roberts

**Bill Summary:** Adopts the Nurse Licensure Compact.

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**Title**
Professions and occupations; enacting the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact. Effective date.

**Primary Sponsors**
Dave Rader, Josh West

**Bill Summary:** Enacts the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact.
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**Title**
Establishing a state oral health plan and Medicaid dental benefits and revising the dental practices act.

**Bill Summary:**
Requires the Secretary of Health to develop, implement and monitor a state oral health plan and prepare a written report every five calendar years. The plan must include teledentistry.

**Primary Sponsors**
Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare

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**Title**
Modifies provisions relating to victims of sexual offenses

**Bill Summary:**
Employs the use of telehealth for victims of sexual offenses.

**Primary Sponsors**
Andrew Koenig

**Title**
Schools; Maria's Law; mental health education; professional development programs; mental health awareness; effective date.

**Bill Summary:**
Beginning in the 2021-2022 school year, requires the offering of a one time per year mental health awareness program. The program must include availability for mental health evaluation and treatment through telemedicine.

**Primary Sponsors**
Jeff Boatman, Lonnie Paxton

**Other (5)**

**Title**
Establishes the "Justice for Survivors Act" relating to forensic examinations of victims of sexual offenses

**Bill Summary:**
Requires the Department of Health and Senior Services to establish a telehealth network for forensic examinations of victims of sexual offenses. The network will provide access to sexual assault nurse examiners or other similarly trained appropriate medical providers.

**Primary Sponsors**
Jill Schupp
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**Title**
- Permits the Missouri State Board of Nursing to establish rules setting forth the licensure, renewal procedures, required fees, and discipline of advanced practice registered nurses
- Mental health; providing for assessment via telemedicine under certain circumstances; adding statutory reference. Effective date.
- Telemedicine; directing the State Department of Health to enter into certain agreement. Effective date.
- Transportation for mental health services by law enforcement; amending responsibility for transport. Effective date.

**Primary Sponsors**
- Cindy O’Laughlin
- Micheal Bergstrom, Josh West
- John Haste
- David Bullard, J.J. Humphrey

**Bill Summary:**
- Permits an advanced practice registered nurse to provide telehealth services outside the geographic proximity requirements of 334.104 if they have more than six months of experience and have met the requirements of subsection 3 of section 335.047.
- Requires peace officers to either transport a person requiring medical treatment who is mentally ill, alcohol-dependent, or drug-dependent to the nearest facility for an initial assessment or have the individual assessed by a licensed mental health professional employed by or under contract with the community mental health center via telemedicine if such capability is available.
- Updates requirements for the statewide telemedicine network, requiring the Department of Health to enter into agreement with the Oklahoma Office of Rural Health.
- Requires sheriffs and peace officers to utilize telemedicine, when available, to have a person believed to be requiring treatment assessed by a licensed mental health professional employed or under contract with a facility operated by or contracted with the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services.

**Private Payer Reimbursement (1)***
Title
Establishing a healthcare benefits package not covered or affiliated with a health insurer or health benefits plan, to be administered by Kansas state employees healthcare commission. (more)

Primary Sponsors
Senate Committee on Financial Institutions and Insurance

Bill Summary:
Establishes a package of healthcare benefits for Kansas state employees, which must include healthcare services delivered via telemedicine.

Regulatory, Licensing & Advisory Boards (2)

Title
Updating the pharmacy act of the state of Kansas, relating to powers, duties and functions of the board of pharmacy; investigations, audits and inspections and telepharmacy. (more)

Primary Sponsors
House Committee on Health and Human Services

Bill Summary:
Provides a definition for and provisions related to the use of telepharmacy.

Title
Professions and occupations; State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners; re-creating the Board; modifying termination date; modifying powers and duties of the Board; effective date.

Primary Sponsors
Toni Hasenbeck, Tom Dugger

Bill Summary:
Amends the definition of telemedicine in veterinary medicine to include telehealth and require the use of two-way, real-time interactive communication between a client or patient and a veterinarian. Requires a veterinarian using telehealth technologies to take appropriate steps to establish the veterinarian-client-patient relationship and conduct appropriate evaluations consistent with traditional standards of care for the particular patient presentation.
The proposed revisions to telehealth policies are in accordance with Oklahoma Senate Bill (SB) No. 575, which amended 25 Oklahoma Statutes (O.S.), Sections 2004 and 2005. Revisions outline and further define the following requirements for telehealth services: parental consent; confidentiality and security of protected health information; services provided or received outside of Oklahoma that may require prior authorization; and that services provided must be within the scope of the practitioner's license or certification. Revisions also define that program restrictions and coverage for telehealth services mirror those which exist for the same services when not provided through telehealth; however, the rule also outlines that only certain telehealth codes are reimbursable by SoonerCare. We request that this previously approved emergency rule be promulgated as a permanent rule. Defines that program restrictions and coverage for telehealth services mirror those existing for the same services when not provided through telehealth. Specifies that only certain telehealth codes are reimbursable by SoonerCare.