



2108 ARIZONA POLICY AND LEGISLATIVE REVIEW AND INITIATIVES FOR 2019

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HB-2042 Insurance Coverage; Telemedicine; Urology

- ▣ Insurance Coverage; Telemedicine; Urology
- ▣ Adds Urology to ARS 20-841.09 Telemedicine coverage definitions
- ▣ Pain Medicine and Substance Abuse
- ▣ Effective date: December 31, 2019
- ▣ Assigned to Health and Rules
- ▣ Passed House 60-0-0
- ▣ Passed Senate 30-0-0
- ▣ Signed by Gov

HB 2149

Pharmacies; Remote Dispensing

- ▣ Representatives Weninger:
- ▣ Senators Brophy McGee and Hobbs
- ▣ Remote dispensing pharmacy where a pharmacy technician or pharmacy intern at a remote site prepares, compounds or dispenses prescription medications under remote supervision by a licensed pharmacist
- ▣ Passed House 58-2-0
- ▣ Passed Senate 30-0-0
- ▣ Signed by Governor 3/20/18

SB 1246, Behavioral Health Board

- ▣ SB 1246, Modifies requirements for licensure by endorsement by the Board of Behavioral Health Examiners (Board)
- ▣ Permits the Board to issue a license by endorsement if the person is licensed or certified by a federal jurisdiction
- ▣ Passed House 57-3-0
- ▣ Passed Senate 30-0-0
- ▣ Signed by Governor 3/23/18

S.B. 1363/2016

Effective as of JAN 1, 2018

- ▣ Governor signed S.B. 1363 into law, May 17, 2016
- ▣ Requires private health plans to pay for telemedicine services — throughout AZ
- ▣ Adds pulmonology to ARS 20-841.09
Telemedicine coverage definitions

2019 Legislative Topics

- ▣ All Services Legislation
- ▣ Payment Parity Legislation
- ▣ Telemedicine Study Group
 - Broaden definitions
 - Payment Parity
 - All Services

2019 All Services Parity Legislation

- ▣ Require private health plans to
 - Cover telehealth and telemedicine services for members
 - Pay the provider 'on the same basis and at least at the rate' the plan is required to pay for the same service if provided in-person
 - Include reasonable compensation to originating (distant) site for transmission costs incurred during delivery of health care services

2019 Payment Parity Legislation

- ▣ Require private health plans to
 - Pay providers “on same basis and at the rate” as the plan is contracted to pay for the same service if provided in-person
 - Include reasonable compensation to originating (distant) site for transmission costs incurred during delivery of health care services

2019 Telemedicine Study Group

- ▣ Focus to
 - Broadening definition of telehealth/telemedicine
 - Payment Parity issues as relates to All Services
- ▣ Build knowledge/understanding among Legislators regarding benefits of Payment Parity
- ▣ Heather Carter would like to learn more about study committee bill approach and possibly sponsor it
- ▣ Working with potential advocates

Thank You

▣ Discussion

