

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0281

Telemedicine-state system.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Landon and Senator(s)
Scott

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the administration of government;
2 providing that the duties of the office of rural health
3 include implementation of telemedicine facilities and the
4 creation of a statewide electronic health information
5 exchange as specified; and providing for an effective date.

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7 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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9 **Section 1.** W.S. 9-2-117(a)(vi) and by creating new
10 paragraphs (vii) and (viii) is amended to read:

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12 **9-2-117. Office of rural health care created; duties.**

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14 (a) The office of rural health care is created within
15 the department of health. The office shall:

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1 (vi) ~~In cooperation with the state~~
2 ~~telecommunications council established under W.S.~~
3 ~~9-2-1026.2, coordinate and~~ Serve as the lead agency in a
4 consortium of state agencies, private health organizations
5 and professional and community organizations to plan, the
6 ~~development of~~ create and operate a statewide interoperable
7 telemedicine ~~capability~~ network and electronic health care
8 information exchange using existing telecommunications
9 ~~infrastructure~~ and electronic health information
10 infrastructures and services to the extent possible. ~~In~~
11 ~~accordance with W.S. 9-2-1026.2, the office and the council~~
12 ~~shall report plans and recommendations to the governor and~~
13 ~~the legislature.~~ The consortium shall:

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15 (A) Consist of members appointed by the
16 director of the department of health, to include the
17 Wyoming chief information officer or the officer's
18 designee;

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20 (B) Coordinate the development and
21 promotion of statewide standards for telemedicine and
22 electronic health information exchange and, where
23 applicable, promote definitions and standards for statewide
24 electronic health transactions;

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(C) Promote and conduct education programs that inform network users that information communicated through the use of telemedicine and electronic health care information exchange must conform with state and federal privacy and security laws;

(D) Have the authority to seek funds for consortium operation and contract as needed to carry out its responsibilities.

(vii) Serve as lead state agency to coordinate with appropriate state agencies to establish incentives to implement, promote and facilitate the voluntary exchange of secure telemedicine and electronic health information between and among individuals, entities and agencies that are providing and paying for services authorized under the Medicaid program;

(viii) Serve as lead agency to develop and promote a common direction for telemedicine and electronic health care information exchange among state agencies.

1 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2009.

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