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TO: Honorable Four Price, Chair, House Committee on Public Health

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB727 by Guerra (Relating to the use of home telemonitoring services under Medicaid.),
As Introduced

<p>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</p>
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The bill would require that telemonitoring services are made available only to a person who is diagnosed with certain conditions or another condition for which the commission makes an evidence-based determination that monitoring through the use of home telemonitoring services is cost-effective and feasible. The bill also requires the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) to provide home telemonitoring to certain pediatric clients with complex medical needs. It is assumed this is only required if HHSC determines the service is cost effective, as with other conditions listed. The bill also would require Medicaid to provide reimbursement for home telemonitoring services in the event of an unsuccessful data transmission if the provider of the services attempts to communicate with the patient by telephone or in person to establish a successful data transmission. The bill would disallow a provider that is reimbursed for home telemonitoring services from also being reimbursed for communicating with the patient by telephone or in person to establish a successful data transmission. The bill would extend home telemonitoring Medicaid reimbursement indefinitely; current statute prohibits reimbursement effective September 1, 2019.

Due to the cost effectiveness requirements above, it is assumed that any costs associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be absorbed within the agency's existing resources.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 529 Health and Human Services Commission

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