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AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2025 REGULAR SESSION

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SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}

Date Prepared: 2-4-025 *Check all that apply:*
Bill Number: _____ Original Correction
 Amendment Substitute

Sponsor: Sen. Natalie Figueroa **Agency Name and Code:** Regulation and Licensing
Short Title: Social Work Telehealth Services **Number:** Department - 420
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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26		
N/A	N/A		

(Parenthesis () indicate expenditure decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26	FY27		
N/A	N/A	N/A		

(Parenthesis () indicate revenue decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY25	FY26	FY27	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to: Relates to 2025 SB12.
Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

Synopsis: Senate Bill 252 (SB252)

SB252 amends the New Mexico Telehealth Act, §§ 24-25-1 through 5 NMSA 1978, § 24-25-3, “Definitions” to expand the definition of healthcare providers authorized to provide telehealth services to include all social workers (not just independent social workers,) certified peer support workers, and the catch-all “any other health care professional who has received a Medicaid provider identification number from the health care authority.”

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The Regulation and Licensing Department (RLD) does not anticipate any fiscal impact from SB252.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The Social Work Examiners Board (Board) is in favor of SB252 and the similar bill, SB12 because it will make mental health services available via telehealth to clients by all licensed NM social workers, both at the LMSW and LCSW levels.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

SB252 is similar to SB12, however, it does not include the language for out-of-state providers offering consultations and second opinions to New Mexico residents.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

ALTERNATIVES

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

Not enacting SB252 will keep qualified social workers from providing telehealth services, keeping wait times and access to mental health services limited, especially to New Mexico residents in rural areas or those without access to reliable transportation.

AMENDMENTS