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AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2025 REGULAR SESSION

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[AgencyAnalysis.nmlegis.gov](https://www.nmlegis.gov/AgencyAnalysis) and email to billanalysis@dfa.nm.gov*(Analysis must be uploaded as a PDF)***SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION***{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}*Date Prepared: 2/4/25

Check all that apply:

Bill Number: SB252Original Correction Amendment Substitute

Agency Name

and Code

HCA-630

Number:

Sponsor: Sen FigueroaShort Title: Social Worker Telehealth

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Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26		
\$0.0	\$0.0	N/A	N/A

(Parenthesis () indicate expenditure decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26	FY27		
\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	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	\$0	Indeterminate	Indeterminate	Indeterminate	recurring	General Fund/Federal Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

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

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

Synopsis: Senate Bill 252 amends the NM Telehealth Act, allowing all levels of licensed social workers (previously independent only), certified peer support workers, or any other healthcare professional that received a Medicaid provider identification number from the Health Care Authority to administer telehealth services.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Medical Assistance Division (MAD)

The state's Medicaid program allows broad use of telehealth services as described in [8.310.2 NMAC](#). This bill may increase the utilization of telehealth services but also may allow Medicaid members to access care in a more timely manner so the impact to budget is likely small.

None for Behavioral Health Services Division (BHSD).

None for State Health Benefits (SHB).

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

None for MAD.

None for BHSD.

None for SHB.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

This provision can reduce barriers to care, especially in cases where local provider capacity is limited. Expanding the list of eligible telehealth providers could lead to a more comprehensive approach to care, particularly for mental health and community-based services, with the inclusion of certified peer support workers and other professionals.

None for BHSD

None for SHB.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

None for MAD.

None for BHSD,

None for SHB.

No IT impact.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

SB12-630 Out of State Telehealth Providers

TECHNICAL ISSUES

None

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

The bill aligns with broader national efforts to expand telehealth use, particularly in response to lessons learned during the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency. It reflects an approach to leveraging technology for healthcare delivery.

ALTERNATIVES

N/A

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

Capacity to offer telehealth services will not be expanded.

AMENDMENTS