

1-1 By: Bhojani, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Blanco) H.B. No. 1052
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 14, 2025;
 1-3 May 19, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Health &
 1-4 Human Services; May 26, 2025, reported favorably by the following
 1-5 vote: Yeas 7, Nays 1; May 26, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to health benefit plan coverage of telemedicine,
 1-20 teledentistry, and telehealth appointments with an originating
 1-21 site or distant site located outside this state.

1-22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-23 SECTION 1. Section 1455.001, Insurance Code, is amended by
 1-24 amending Subdivision (1-a) and adding Subdivisions (1-b) and (1-c)
 1-25 to read as follows:

1-26 (1-a) "Distant site" means the location where a health
 1-27 professional provides a telemedicine medical service,
 1-28 teledentistry dental service, or telehealth service.

1-29 (1-b) "Health professional" means:

1-30 (A) a physician;

1-31 (B) an individual who is:

1-32 (i) licensed or certified in this state to
 1-33 perform health care services; and

1-34 (ii) authorized to assist:

1-35 (a) a physician in providing
 1-36 telemedicine medical services that are delegated and supervised by
 1-37 the physician; or

1-38 (b) a dentist in providing
 1-39 teledentistry dental services that are delegated and supervised by
 1-40 the dentist;

1-41 (C) a licensed or certified health professional
 1-42 acting within the scope of the license or certification who does not
 1-43 perform a telemedicine medical service or a teledentistry dental
 1-44 service; or

1-45 (D) a dentist.

1-46 (1-c) "Originating site" means the location where an
 1-47 individual receives a telemedicine medical service, teledentistry
 1-48 dental service, or telehealth service.

1-49 SECTION 2. Section 1455.004, Insurance Code, is amended by
 1-50 adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

1-51 (e) A health benefit plan must provide coverage for a
 1-52 covered health care service or procedure delivered as a
 1-53 telemedicine medical service, teledentistry dental service, or
 1-54 telehealth service with an originating site or distant site located
 1-55 outside this state on the same basis and to the same extent that the
 1-56 plan provides coverage for the service or procedure delivered as a
 1-57 telemedicine medical service, teledentistry dental service, or
 1-58 telehealth service with an originating site and distant site
 1-59 located in this state if:

1-60 (1) the individual who receives the service resides
 1-61 primarily in this state; and

2-1 (2) the health professional who provides the service:
2-2 (A) is licensed or otherwise authorized to
2-3 provide the service in this state; and
2-4 (B) has a physical office in this state.

2-5 SECTION 3. Section 1455.004, Insurance Code, as amended by
2-6 this Act, applies only to a health benefit plan delivered, issued
2-7 for delivery, or renewed on or after January 1, 2026. A health
2-8 benefit plan delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed before
2-9 January 1, 2026, is governed by the law as it existed immediately
2-10 before the effective date of this Act, and that law is continued in
2-11 effect for that purpose.

2-12 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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