

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 884

Short Title: FQHC Medicaid Reimb./Telemed./CCPs. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Dobson, Lambeth, and Insko (Primary Sponsors).
For a complete list of sponsors, refer to the North Carolina General Assembly web site.

Referred to: Health, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

April 22, 2019

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO REQUIRE MEDICAID AND NC HEALTH CHOICE REIMBURSEMENT TO
3 FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTERS FOR TELEMEDICINE,
4 TELEPSYCHIATRY, AND CLINICAL PHARMACIST PRACTITIONER SERVICES.
5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:
6 **SECTION 1.** The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) shall ensure
7 Medicaid and NC Health Choice coverage of telemedicine and telepsychiatry services that are
8 provided through a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC), and shall consider these services
9 to be core services. DHHS shall provide Medicaid and NC Health Choice reimbursement for
10 telemedicine and telepsychiatry services provided through an FQHC through the prospective
11 payment system (PPS) at one hundred percent (100%) of the PPS rate.
12 **SECTION 2.** The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) shall ensure
13 Medicaid and NC Health Choice coverage of clinical pharmacist practitioner services provided
14 through a Federally Qualified Health Center.
15 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) shall amend
16 Clinical Coverage Policy No: 1H, Telemedicine and Telepsychiatry and Clinical Coverage
17 Policy 1D-4, Core Services as necessary to implement this act. DHHS shall submit to the Centers
18 for Medicare and Medicaid Services any waivers or amendments to the NC Medicaid State Plan
19 necessary to implement this act.
20 **SECTION 4.** This act becomes effective January 1, 2020.

