

SB 252 - AS INTRODUCED

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SENATE BILL **252**

AN ACT relative to criteria for providing certain medical care through telemedicine.

SPONSORS: Sen. Prentiss, Dist 5; Sen. Fenton, Dist 10; Sen. Watters, Dist 4; Sen. Long, Dist 20; Sen. Altschiller, Dist 24; Sen. Perkins Kwoka, Dist 21; Sen. Rosenwald, Dist 13; Rep. Nagel, Belk. 6; Rep. Hakken-Phillips, Graf. 12

COMMITTEE: Health and Human Services

ANALYSIS

This bill modifies the requirements for the use of telemedicine to prescribe non-opioids and opioids classified in schedules II through IV and for the issuing of prescriptions for spectacle lenses or contact lenses.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struck through.]~~
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Five

AN ACT relative to criteria for providing certain medical care through telemedicine.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 1 Physicians and Surgeons; Telemedicine for Non-Opioid or Opioid Controlled Drugs in
2 Schedule II Through IV. Amend RSA 329:1-d, III to read as follows:

3 III. A physician licensed under this chapter may prescribe non-opioid and opioid controlled
4 drugs classified in schedule II through IV by means of telemedicine [~~after establishing a physician-~~
5 ~~patient relationship with the patient~~]. When prescribing a non-opioid or opioid controlled drug
6 classified in schedule II through IV by means of telemedicine a subsequent [~~in-person exam~~]
7 **evaluation** shall be conducted by a practitioner licensed to prescribe the drug at intervals
8 appropriate for the patient, medical condition, and drug, but not less than annually. The
9 prescription authority under this paragraph shall be limited to a physician licensed under this
10 chapter, or a physician assistant in accordance with RSA 328-D:3-b, and all prescribing shall be in
11 compliance with all federal and state laws and regulations.

12 2 Physicians and Surgeons; Telemedicine for Spectacle Lenses or Contact Lenses. Amend RSA
13 329:1-d, VI(c) to read as follows:

14 (c) Conform to the standard of care expected of [~~in-person~~] care as appropriate to the
15 patient's age and presenting condition, including when the standard of care requires the use of
16 diagnostic testing and performance of a physical examination, which may be carried out through the
17 use of peripheral devices appropriate to the patient's condition;

18 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.