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Bill Analysis

SB 674 requires every health benefit plan offered in the state to provide coverage of telemedicine. No insurer may exclude a service for coverage solely because the service is provided through telemedicine and is not provided through in-person consultation or contact between a health care professional and a patient for services. Reimbursements for telemedicine services must be provided on the same basis as and at least at the rate of reimbursement that the insurer is responsible for coverage for the provision of the same service for in-person consultation. Additionally, any benefit restrictions imposed on telemedicine treatments must be equally applied to in-person treatments. Additionally, no insurer may prohibit the prescription of medicine through telemedicine that are more restrictive than applicable state and federal law.

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