

1 S.88

2 Introduced by Senators Lyons, Ashe, Baruth, Bray, Collins, Fox, McCormack,

3 Mullin, Pollina, and Zuckerman

4 Referred to Committee on

5 Date:

6 Subject: Health; health insurance; telemedicine

7 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to remove a

8 requirement that telemedicine services be delivered in a health care facility in

9 order to qualify for health insurance coverage.

10 An act relating to telemedicine services delivered outside a health care  
11 facility

12 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

13 Sec. 1. 8 V.S.A. § 4100k is amended to read:

14 § 4100k. COVERAGE FOR TELEMEDICINE SERVICES

15 (a) All health insurance plans in this state shall provide coverage for

16 ~~telemedicine~~ services delivered to a patient ~~in a health care facility~~ by

17 telemedicine to the same extent that the services would be covered if they were

18 provided through in-person consultation.

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1       Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

2           This act shall take effect on October 1, 2013 and shall apply to all health  
3       insurance plans on and after October 1, 2013 on such date as a health insurer  
4       issues, offers, or renews the health insurance plan, but in no event later than  
5       October 1, 2014.