

# Vermont Legislative Joint Fiscal Office

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## *FISCAL NOTE*

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### **S.50 – An act relating to insurance coverage for telemedicine services delivered in or outside a health care facility**

This bill proposes to require Medicaid and health insurance coverage for telemedicine services delivered in or outside a health care facility by several types of health care providers.

#### Commercial Insurance

It is anticipated that this bill will not have a negative fiscal impact on either the state employee plan or commercial insurance premiums in general. It is anticipated there may even be potential savings.

#### Medicaid

The Department of Vermont Health Access does not anticipate any cost avoidance in the first year, possibly longer, because of this expansion and may even experience increased expenditures with increased utilization (most likely in mental health services). However no additional appropriation is required at this time.

#### ***Fiscal Impact – No additional appropriation required***