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Act No. 108 (H.861). An act relating to reimbursement parity for health care services delivered in person, by telemedicine, and by audio-only telephone and extending time for flood abatement reimbursement

Subjects: Health; health insurance; telemedicine; audio-only telephone; reimbursement rates; flood abatement reimbursement

This act requires health insurance plans to reimburse health care providers the same amounts for the same services, regardless of whether the services were provided through an in-person visit or by audio-only telephone. The act eliminates a 2026 sunset on reimbursement parity for services provided by telemedicine, so that health insurance plans will also continue to be required to reimburse providers the same amounts for the same services when provided through an in-person visit or by telemedicine. The result is that providers will be reimbursed by health insurance plans in the same amounts for the same services, regardless of the modality through which the services were provided.

The act also extends until November 15, 2024, the date by which a municipality must have abated education property taxes in order to be eligible to receive reimbursement from the State of the amount of education property tax payments owed for properties that were considered lost or destroyed as a result of certain 2023 flooding events.

Multiple effective dates, beginning on May 13, 2024