

ESSB 5389 - S AMD TO S AMD (S-4970.1/20) **905**
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1 On page 6, after line 2, insert the following:

2 "Sec. 8. RCW 43.70.495 and 2019 c 48 s 1 are each amended to
3 read as follows:

4 (1) The legislature finds that a large segment of Washington
5 residents do not have access to critical health care services.
6 Telemedicine is a way to increase access to health care services to
7 those who would otherwise not have reasonable access. The legislature
8 therefore intends to ensure that health care professionals who
9 provide services through telemedicine, as defined in RCW 70.41.020,
10 in cities and rural areas alike, have current information available,
11 making it possible for them to provide telemedicine services to the
12 entire state of Washington.

13 (2) Beginning January 1, (~~2020~~) 2021, a health care
14 professional who provides clinical services through telemedicine
15 (~~may~~), other than a physician licensed under chapter 18.71 RCW or
16 an osteopathic physician licensed under chapter 18.57 RCW, shall
17 complete a telemedicine training. By January 1, 2020, the
18 telemedicine collaborative shall make a telemedicine training
19 available on its web site for use by health care professionals who
20 use telemedicine technology. If a health care professional completes
21 the training, the health care professional shall sign and retain an
22 attestation. The training:

23 (a) Must include information on current state and federal law,
24 liability, informed consent, and other criteria established by the
25 collaborative for the advancement of telemedicine, in collaboration
26 with the department and the Washington state medical quality
27 assurance commission;

28 (b) Must include a question and answer methodology to demonstrate
29 accrual of knowledge; and

30 (c) May be made available in electronic format and completed over
31 the internet.

1 (3) The training may be incorporated into existing telemedicine
2 training programs, provided that the training meets the requirements
3 in subsection (2) of this section.

4 (4) For purposes of this section, a "health care professional"
5 means a person licensed, registered, or certified to provide health
6 services."

7 Renumber the remaining sections consecutively and correct any
8 internal references accordingly.

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9 On page 6, line 11 of the title amendment, after "28A.410.226"
10 insert "and 43.70.495"

EFFECT: Requires health care professionals who provide clinical services through telemedicine, other than physicians and osteopathic physicians, to complete a telemedicine training established by the telemedicine collaborative, beginning January 1, 2021.

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