



EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
HONOLULU

LINDA LINGLE
GOVERNOR

GOV. MSG. NO. 749

June 21, 2006

The Honorable Robert Bunda, President
and Members of the Senate
Twenty-Third State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 003
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Mr. President and Members of the Senate:

This is to inform you that on June 21, 2006, the following bill was signed into law:

SB2227 SD2 HD2 CD1

A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO
HEALTH INSURANCE.
(ACT 219)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda Lingle".

LINDA LINGLE

on JUN 21 2006

THE SENATE
TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE, 2006
STATE OF HAWAII

S.B. NO. 2227
S.D. 2
H.D. 2
C.D. 1

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH INSURANCE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the use of
2 technology to deliver effective and prompt health care is
3 extremely important in Hawaii, particularly to individuals
4 residing in rural communities. The legislature further finds
5 that the need for telehealth services requires that they be
6 reimbursed.

7 The purpose of this Act is to ensure that telehealth
8 services are reimbursed.

9 SECTION 2. Section 431:10A-116.3, Hawaii Revised Statutes,
10 is amended to read as follows:

11 **"§431:10A-116.3 [{}Coverage for telehealth.{}] (a)** It is
12 the intent of the legislature to recognize the application of
13 telehealth as a reimbursable service by which an individual
14 shall receive medical services from a health care provider
15 without face-to-face contact with the provider.


16 ~~[(b) For the purposes of this section, "telehealth" means~~
17 ~~the use of telecommunications services, as defined in section~~
18 ~~269-1, and enhanced services to deliver health and health care~~



1 telephone contacts, facsimile transmissions, or email text, in
2 combination or by itself, does not constitute a telehealth
3 service for the purposes of this chapter."

4 SECTION 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
5 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

6 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII


Approved this day: JUN 21 2006

THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: May 2, 2006
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the Senate of the Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006.


President of the Senate



Clerk of the Senate

**THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
OF THE STATE OF HAWAII**

Date: May 2, 2006
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006.


Speaker, House of Representatives


Clerk, House of Representatives