

MEMORANDUM

| DATE | October 24, 2016 |
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| то | Board of Psychology |
| FROM | Augus Bus Cherise Burns Central Services Manager |
| SUBJECT | Agenda Item #14(b)(3)(A)- AB 2507 (Gordon) Telehealth: Access |

Background:

This bill would have added video and telephone communications to the definition of telehealth. This bill would have prohibited a health care provider from requiring the use of telehealth when a patient prefers in-person services and requires health care service plans and insurers to include coverage for services provided to a patient through telehealth. This bill would have also prohibited an insurer from interfering with the provider-patient relationship based on telehealth services.

Staff reached out to Assembly Member Gordon's office and they expressed plans to pursue the bill again next year, but sponsored by a different assembly member.

Status: Dead, this bill was held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee

Action Requested:

This is for informational purposes only.