



2025 South Dakota Legislature

House Bill 1111

Introduced by: **Representative Garcia**

1 **An Act to make an appropriation for grants to support the purchase of telehealth**
 2 **kiosks.**

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 **Section 1.** There is appropriated \$1,000,000 from the general fund, to the Department of
 5 Health, to provide grants for the purchase and operation of telehealth kiosks in publicly
 6 accessible locations.

7 For the purposes of this Act, "telehealth kiosk" means a standalone, interactive
 8 terminal that allows individuals to access remote healthcare services without an in-office visit,
 9 and which provides general educational and preventative health information.

10 **Section 2.** The Department of Health shall prioritize awarding grants to persons seeking to
 11 purchase and operate a telehealth kiosk that is publicly accessible in:

12 (1) A county with:

13 (a) A population of fifteen thousand or less; and

14 (b) An average life expectancy below the median life expectancy for this state;

15 or

16 (2) A community or area with limited access to primary health care professionals, as
 17 determined by the department.

18 The department shall develop an application process and make the application
 19 available on its website.

20 **Section 3.** The secretary of the Department of Health shall approve vouchers and the state
 21 auditor shall draw warrants to pay expenditures authorized in this Act.

22 **Section 4.** Any amounts appropriated in this Act not lawfully expended or obligated shall
 23 revert in accordance with the procedures prescribed in chapter 4-8.

- 1 **Section 5.** This Act is effective beginning June 30, 2025.