

## **CHAPTER 119**

### **CIVIL COMMITMENT UNIT FOR SEXUAL OFFENDERS — TELEHEALTH**

*H.F. 422*

**AN ACT** relating to the provision of health care services via telehealth for the civil commitment unit for sexual offenders.

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

Section 1. CIVIL COMMITMENT UNIT FOR SEXUAL OFFENDERS — TELEHEALTH. The university of Iowa hospitals and clinics when providing health care services to patients at the civil commitment unit for sexual offenders shall utilize telehealth instead of in-person delivery of health care services, to the greatest extent medically appropriate, to reduce transportation, staffing, and other costs to the civil commitment unit for sexual offenders, which would otherwise be incurred through the provision of in-person delivery of health care services. The civil commitment unit for sexual offenders shall document the use of telehealth under this section and any resulting savings in costs and staffing.

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