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May 10, 2019

The Honorable Paul Pate Secretary of State of Iowa State Capitol Des Moines, Iowa 50319

Dear Mr. Secretary,

I hereby transmit:

House File 422, an Act relating to the provision of health care services via telehealth for the civil commitment unit for sexual offenders.

The above House File is hereby approved on this date.

Sincerely,

Governor of Iowa

cc: Secretary of the Senate

Clerk of the House



House File 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.

CHARLES SCHNEIDER

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and is known as House File 422, Eighty-eighth General Assembly.

CARMINE BOAL

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved May 10th, 2019

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Governor