

Senate File 524

H-1334

1 Amend Senate File 524, as passed by the Senate, as follows:

2 1. Page 1, before line 1 by inserting:

3 <DIVISION I

4 REIMBURSEMENT RATES — MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES — TELEHEALTH

5 Section 1. Section 514C.34, subsection 1, Code 2021, is  
6 amended by adding the following new paragraphs:

7 NEW PARAGRAPH. 0a. "Covered person" means the same as  
8 defined in section 514J.102.

9 NEW PARAGRAPH. 00a. "Facility" means the same as defined in  
10 section 514J.102.

11 NEW PARAGRAPH. 0c. "Health carrier" means the same as  
12 defined in section 514J.102.

13 Sec. \_\_\_\_\_. Section 514C.34, subsection 1, paragraph c, Code  
14 2021, is amended to read as follows:

15 c. "Telehealth" means the delivery of health care services  
16 through the use of real-time interactive audio and video, or  
17 other real-time interactive electronic media, regardless of  
18 where the health care professional and the covered person are  
19 each located. "Telehealth" does not include the delivery of  
20 health care services delivered solely through an audio-only  
21 telephone, electronic mail message, or facsimile transmission.

22 Sec. \_\_\_\_\_. Section 514C.34, Code 2021, is amended by adding  
23 the following new subsection:

24 NEW SUBSECTION. 3A. a. A health carrier shall reimburse  
25 a health care professional and a facility for health care  
26 services provided by telehealth to a covered person for a  
27 mental health condition, illness, injury, or disease on the  
28 same basis and at the same rate as the health carrier would  
29 apply to the same health care services for a mental health  
30 condition, illness, injury, or disease provided in person to a  
31 covered person by the health care professional or the facility.

32 b. As a condition of reimbursement pursuant to paragraph  
33 "a", a health carrier shall not require that an additional  
34 health care professional be located in the same room as a  
35 covered person while health care services for a mental health

1 condition, illness, injury, or disease are provided via  
2 telehealth by another health care professional to the covered  
3 person.

4 Sec. \_\_\_\_\_. EFFECTIVE DATE. This division of this Act, being  
5 deemed of immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

6 Sec. \_\_\_\_\_. RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY. This division  
7 of this Act applies to health care services for a mental  
8 health condition, illness, injury, or disease provided by a  
9 health care professional or a facility to a covered person by  
10 telehealth on or after January 1, 2021.

11 DIVISION \_\_\_\_\_

12 INPATIENT PSYCHIATRIC BED TRACKING SYSTEM — STUDY COMMITTEE>

13 2. Title page, by striking lines 1 and 2 and inserting  
14 <An Act relating to mental health including reimbursement  
15 rates for health care services for mental health conditions,  
16 illnesses, injuries, or diseases provided to covered persons by  
17 telehealth, the establishment of an inpatient psychiatric bed  
18 tracking system study committee, and including effective date  
19 and retroactive applicability provisions.>

20 3. By renumbering as necessary.

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