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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to reimbursement rates for health care services
2 provided to covered persons by telehealth and including
3 applicability provisions.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 514C.34, subsection 1, Code 2020, is
2 amended by adding the following new paragraphs:

3 NEW PARAGRAPH. *0a.* "Covered person" means the same as
4 defined in section 514J.102.

5 NEW PARAGRAPH. *0c.* "Health carrier" means the same as
6 defined in section 514J.102.

7 Sec. 2. Section 514C.34, Code 2020, is amended by adding the
8 following new subsection:

9 NEW SUBSECTION. 3A. A health carrier shall reimburse a
10 health care professional for health care services provided to
11 a covered person by telehealth on the same basis and at the
12 same rate as the health carrier would apply to the same health
13 care services provided to a covered person by the health care
14 professional in person.

15 Sec. 3. APPLICABILITY. This Act applies to health care
16 services provided by a health care professional to a covered
17 person by telehealth on or after January 1, 2021.

18 EXPLANATION

19 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
20 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

21 This bill requires a health carrier to reimburse a health
22 care professional for health care services provided to a
23 covered person by telehealth on or after January 1, 2021, on
24 the same basis and at the same rate as the health carrier would
25 apply to the same health care services provided to the covered
26 person by the health care professional in person.