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A BILL FOR

1 An Act prohibiting certain health carriers from excluding
2 certain out-of-state health care professionals from
3 participating as providers, via telehealth, under the
4 carriers' policies, plans, and contracts, and including
5 effective date and applicability provisions.
6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 514C.34, subsection 3, Code 2022, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 3. a. Health care services that are delivered by telehealth
4 must be appropriate and delivered in accordance with applicable
5 law and generally accepted health care practices and standards
6 prevailing at the time the health care services are provided,
7 including all rules adopted by the appropriate professional
8 licensing board, pursuant to [chapter 147](#), having oversight
9 of the health care professional providing the health care
10 services.

11 b. A health carrier shall not exclude a health care
12 professional who provides services for mental health
13 conditions, illnesses, injuries, or diseases and who is
14 physically located out-of-state from participating as a
15 provider, via telehealth, under a policy, plan, or contract
16 offered by the health carrier in the state if all of the
17 following requirements are met:

18 (1) The health care professional is licensed in this state
19 by the appropriate professional licensing board and is able
20 to deliver health care services for mental health conditions,
21 illnesses, injuries, or diseases via telehealth in compliance
22 with paragraph "a".

23 (2) The health care professional is able to satisfy the same
24 criteria that the health carrier uses to qualify a health care
25 professional who is located in the state, and who holds the
26 same license as the out-of-state professional, to participate
27 as a provider, via telehealth, under a policy, plan, or
28 contract offered by the health carrier in the state.

29 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of immediate
30 importance, takes effect upon enactment.

31 Sec. 3. APPLICABILITY. This Act applies to health carriers
32 that deliver, issue for delivery, continue, or renew a policy,
33 contract, or plan in this state on or after the effective date
34 of this Act.

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EXPLANATION

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

3 This bill prohibits certain health carriers (carriers)
4 from excluding certain out-of-state health care professionals
5 (professionals) who provide services for mental health
6 conditions, illnesses, injuries, or diseases (mental health)
7 from participating as providers, via telehealth, under a
8 policy, plan, or contract offered by the health carrier if
9 the professional is licensed in Iowa, is able to deliver
10 health care services for mental health via telehealth in
11 compliance with Code chapter 514C.34, and is able to satisfy
12 the same criteria that the carrier uses to qualify in-state
13 professionals, who hold the same license as the out-of-state
14 professional, as providers.

15 The bill takes effect upon enactment and applies to carriers
16 that deliver, issue for delivery, continue, or renew a
17 policy, contract, or plan in this state on or after the bill's
18 effective date.