

House File 431 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON HUMAN
RESOURCES

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 88)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the provision of audio-only telehealth or
2 telemedicine by health care professionals.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. TELEHEALTH OR TELEMEDICINE —
2 HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS — USE OF AUDIO-ONLY
3 COMMUNICATION. Notwithstanding any provision of law to
4 the contrary, a board designated pursuant to section 147.13
5 that licenses, certifies, or otherwise authorizes or permits
6 health-related professionals to administer health care services
7 in the ordinary course of business or in the practice of
8 a profession, and which authorizes the use of telehealth
9 or telemedicine by such health-related professionals,
10 shall amend or adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A to
11 allow a health-related professional under the purview of
12 the appropriate licensing board to utilize telehealth or
13 telemedicine to deliver health care services through the use
14 of interactive audio-only communication. The rules amended
15 or adopted by the appropriate licensure board shall ensure
16 that the provision of health care services through the use of
17 interactive audio-only communication is clinically appropriate
18 and that a patient has been provided the opportunity to
19 receive such health care services via in-person or real-time
20 interactive video, unless such an opportunity is not reasonably
21 available.

22 EXPLANATION

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

25 This bill provides that, notwithstanding any provision of
26 law to the contrary, a health-related professional licensing
27 board that authorizes the use of telehealth or telemedicine
28 by health-related professionals shall amend or adopt
29 administrative rules to allow a health-related professional
30 under the purview of the appropriate licensing board to utilize
31 telehealth or telemedicine to deliver health care services
32 through the use of interactive audio-only communication. The
33 rules amended or adopted by the appropriate licensure board
34 shall ensure that the provision of health care services through
35 the use of interactive audio-only communication is clinically

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2 opportunity to receive such health care services via in-person
3 or real-time interactive video, unless such opportunity is not
4 reasonably available.