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BY COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 2001)

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A BILL FOR

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sec. 2. Section 514C.34, subsection 1, paragraph c, Code 2020, is amended to read as follows:

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

Sec. 3. Section 514C.34, Code 2020, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

NEW SUBSECTION. 3A. [*a.*] A health carrier shall reimburse a health care professional and a facility for health care services provided [by telehealth to a covered person located at a facility] on the same basis and at the same rate as the health carrier would apply to the same health care services provided to a covered person by the health care professional and a facility in person.

[*b.* As a condition of reimbursement pursuant to paragraph *"a"*, a health carrier shall not require that an additional health care professional be located in the same room as a covered person while health care services for a mental health condition, illness, injury, or disease are delivered via telehealth by another health care professional to the covered person.]

Sec. 4. APPLICABILITY. This Act applies to health care services provided by a health care professional or a facility

1 to a covered person by telehealth on or after January 1, 2021.