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BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

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* Section 1. AS 21.42 is amended by adding a new section to read:

Sec. 21.42.422. Coverage for telehealth and mental health benefits. A health care insurer that offers, issues for delivery, or renews in the state a health care insurance plan in the group or individual market that provides mental health benefits shall provide coverage for mental health benefits provided through telehealth by a health care provider licensed in this state and may not require that prior in-person contact occur between a health care provider and a patient before payment is made for covered services.

* Sec. 2. The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to read:

APPLICABILITY. AS 21.42.422, added by sec. 1 of this Act, applies to a health care
insurance plan offered, issued for delivery, delivered, or renewed on or after the effective date of this Act.