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### **Sectional Analysis:**

#### House Bill 29

#### Insurance Coverage for Telehealth

"An Act relating to insurance coverage for benefits provided through telehealth; and providing an effective date."

#### **Section 1.**

AS 21.42.422 has been amended to require insurance coverage for health benefits provided through telehealth technology.

#### **Section 2.**

AS 21.42.422 is a new subsection that defines health care insurer as a person transacting the business of health care insurance except for a nonfederal governmental plan.

It also adds the definition of telehealth under 47.05.270(e) as the practice of health care delivery, evaluation, diagnosis, consultation, or treatment, using the transfer of health care data through audio, visual, or data communications, performed over two or more locations between providers who are physically separated from the recipient or from each other or between a provider and a recipient who are physically separated from each other.

#### **Section 3**

The changes to Section 1 of this bill applies to health care insurance plans that are offered, issued, delivered, or renewed on or after the effective date.

#### **Section 4**

The effective date is July 1, 2020.

***As a preliminary matter, note that a sectional summary of a bill should not be considered an authoritative interpretation of the bill -- the bill itself is the best statement of its contents.***

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