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Senate Bill 83

Explanation of Changes – Version N to Version I (CS-SHSS)

This version of SB 83 moves multiple sections that had been added to or referred to a new section in Version N (AS 21.42.450) into the existing statute covering telehealth (AS 21.42.422) and makes conforming changes. This version adds a requirement for health care insurers to equally apply reimbursement rates for each health care provider.

Title Change

Expanded to include “relating to health care insurance reimbursement rates” on account of new language in Section 3.

Section 1 *(new section)*

AS 21.42.422(b). Coverage for telehealth.

Adds new paragraph (3) to reference the definition of “health care provider” as given in AS 21.07.250.

Section 2

Prior version Section 1 language is moved from AS 21.42.450 to existing statutes covering telehealth, AS 21.42.422.

Prior version Section 2 removed: referenced definition of “telehealth” as given in AS 47.05.270.

Section 3 *(new section)*

AS 21.54.190. Reimbursement rates.

Requires health care insurers to equally apply reimbursement rates for each health care provider.

Section 4 *(prior version Section 3)*

Section 5 *(prior version Section 4; updates telehealth reference AS 21.42.422)*

Section 6 *(prior version Section 5; updates telehealth reference AS 21.42.422)*

Section 7 *(prior version Section 6; updates telehealth reference AS 21.42.422)*

Prior version Section 7 removed: repealed definition of “telehealth” in AS 21.42.422.

Section 8 *(no change)*