



# LAWS OF ALASKA

2016

**Source**

SCS CSHB 234(L&C)

**Chapter No.**

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**AN ACT**

Relating to insurance coverage for mental health benefits provided through telehealth.

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

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**AN ACT**

1 Relating to insurance coverage for mental health benefits provided through telehealth.

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

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

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

13           **APPLICABILITY.** AS 21.42.422, added by sec. 1 of this Act, applies to a health care

1 insurance plan offered, issued for delivery, delivered, or renewed on or after the effective date  
2 of this Act.