

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 2179

Page 1, line 1, after "Act" insert "to create and enact a new section to chapter 26.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a pilot project for telehealth reimbursement parity; and"

Page 1, line 11, after the period insert:

"SECTION 2. A new section to chapter 26.1-36 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Telehealth reimbursement parity – Pilot Project

Notwithstanding subsections 1, 3, and 4 of 26.1-36-09.15 of the North Dakota Century Code, from August 1, 2021 to August 1, 2023:

- (a) "Telehealth" includes audio-only telephone if no other means of communications technology are available to the patient, including lack of adequate broadband access, or that other means of communications technology is infeasible, impractical, or otherwise not medically advisable, as determined by the health care provider or health care facility providing telehealth services to the patient or as determined by another health care provider or health care facility with an existing relationship with the patient;
- (b) Payment or reimbursement of expenses for covered services delivered by means of telehealth under this section may not be less than reimbursement of expenses for covered services that are delivered by in-person means; and
- (c) Any deductible, copayment, or cost-sharing included for services delivered by telehealth must be limited to an amount that does not exceed, and is not in addition to, the amount that would apply if the service was delivered by in-person means.

Renumber accordingly