

March 24, 2021

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2179

Page 1, line 1, after "Act" insert "to create and enact section 26.1-36-09.17 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a telehealth reimbursement parity pilot project;"

Page 1, line 1, remove "relating to coverage of"

Page 1, line 2, replace "telehealth" with "; and to provide an expiration date"

Page 1, after line 3, insert:

"SECTION 1. Section 26.1-36-09.17 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Telehealth reimbursement parity - Pilot project.

1. Notwithstanding contrary provisions in section 26.1-36-09.15, there is created a telehealth reimbursement parity pilot project.
2. As used in this section, "telehealth" includes audio-only telephone if no other means of communications technology is available to the patient, including a lack of adequate broadband access, or the 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 to the patient.
3. Under the pilot program, payment or reimbursement of expenses for covered services delivered by means of telehealth under this section may not be less than the reimbursement of expenses for covered services that are delivered by in-person means.
4. Under the pilot program, 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."

Page 1, after line 11, insert:

"SECTION 3. EXPIRATION DATE. Section 1 of this Act is effective through July 31, 2023, and after that date is ineffective."

Renumber accordingly