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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1465

That the Senate recede from its amendments as printed on pages 1513 and 1514 of the House Journal and pages 1256 and 1257 of the Senate Journal and that Engrossed House Bill No. 1465 be amended as follows:

Page 1, line 1, after "A BILL" replace the remainder of the bill with "for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 23-12 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to vaccine information; to amend and reenact section 26.1-36-09.15 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to coverage of telehealth services; to provide for a legislative management study; and to declare an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. A new section to chapter 23-12 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Vaccine and infection information.

- Except as provided under sections 15.1-23-02, 23-01-05.3, and 1. 23-07-17.1, neither a state government entity nor any of its subdivisions, agents, or assigns may:
 - Require documentation, whether physical or electronic, for the a. purpose of certifying or otherwise communicating the following before providing access to state property, funds, or services:
 - (1) An individual's vaccination status;
 - (2)The presence of pathogens, antigens, or antibodies; or
 - An individual's post-transmission recovery status; (3)
 - Otherwise publish or share an individual's vaccination record or similar b. health information, except as specifically authorized by the individual or otherwise authorized by statute; or
 - c. Require a private business to obtain documentation, whether physical or electronic, for purposes of certifying or otherwise communicating the following before employment or providing access to property. funds, or services based on:
 - (1) An individual's vaccination status:
 - (2)The presence of pathogens, antigens, or antibodies; or
 - An individual's post-transmission recovery status. (3)
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- e.g. "Policy" means an accident and health insurance policy, contract, or evidence of coverage on a group, individual, blanket, franchise, or association basis.
- f.h. "Secure connection" means a connection made using a nonpublic facing remote communication product that employs end-to-end encryption, and which allows only an individual and the person with whom the individual is communicating to see what is transmitted.
 - <u>i.</u> "Store-and-forward technology" means electronic information, imaging, and communication that is transferred, recorded, or otherwise stored in order to be reviewed at a distant site at a later date by a health care provider or health care facility without the patient present in real time. The term includes telehome monitoring and interactive audio, video, and data communication.
- g.j. "Telehealth":
 - (1) Means the use of interactive audio, video, or other telecommunications technology that is used by a health care provider or health care facility at a distant site to deliver health services at an originating site and that is delivered over a secure connection that complies with the requirements of state and federal laws.
 - (2) Includes the use of electronic media for consultation relating to the health care diagnosis or treatment of a patient in real time or through the use of store-and-forward technology.
 - (3) Does not include the use of audio-only telephone, electronic mail, or facsimile transmissions, or audio-only telephone unless for the purpose of e-visits or a virtual check-in.
- k. "Virtual check-in" means a brief communication via telephone or other telecommunications device to decide whether an office visit or other service is needed.
- 2. An insurer may not deliver, issue, execute, or renew a policy that provides health benefits coverage unless that policy provides coverage for health services delivered by means of telehealth which is the same as the coverage for health services delivered by in-person means.
- 3. Payment or reimbursement of expenses for covered health services delivered by means of telehealth under this section may be established through negotiations conducted by the insurer with the health services providers in the same manner as the insurer with the health services providers in the same manner as the insurer establishes payment or reimbursement of expenses for covered health services that are delivered by in-person means.
- 4. Coverage under this section may be subject to deductible, coinsurance, and copayment provisions.
- 5. This section does not require:
 - a. A policy to provide coverage for health services that are not medically necessary, subject to the terms and conditions of the policy;