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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 1660

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 1660 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Illinois Public Aid Code is amended by  
5 adding Section 5-5.25 as follows:

6 (305 ILCS 5/5-5.25 new)

7 Sec. 5-5.25. Access to mental health services. The General  
8 Assembly finds that providing access to mental health services  
9 in a timely manner will improve the quality of life for persons  
10 suffering from mental illness and will contain health care  
11 costs by avoiding the need for more costly inpatient  
12 hospitalization. The Illinois Department shall reimburse  
13 advance practice nurses for mental health services they  
14 provide, as authorized by Illinois law, to recipients. The  
15 Illinois Department, by rule, shall develop a method to  
16 reimburse providers for mental health services provided by  
17 telemedicine. The reimbursement methodology for mental health  
18 services provided by telemedicine shall be comparable to the  
19 reimbursement methodology used by the Illinois Department for  
20 other services provided by telemedicine.

21 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
22 becoming law."