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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 452

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 452 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Illinois Insurance Code is amended by
5 changing Section 356z.22 as follows:

6 (215 ILCS 5/356z.22)

7 Sec. 356z.22. Coverage for telehealth services.

8 (a) For purposes of this Section:

9 "Distant site" means the location at which the health care
10 provider rendering the telehealth service is located.

11 "Interactive telecommunications system" means an audio and
12 video system permitting 2-way, live interactive communication
13 between the patient and the distant site health care provider.

14 "Telehealth services" means the delivery of covered health
15 care services by way of an interactive telecommunications
16 system.

1 (a-5) Every individual or group policy of accident or
2 health insurance that is issued, amended, delivered, or renewed
3 on or after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the
4 99th General Assembly must provide coverage for telehealth
5 services.

6 (b) Coverage ~~If an individual or group policy of accident~~
7 ~~or health insurance provides coverage~~ for telehealth services,
8 ~~then it~~ must comply with the following:

9 (1) An individual or group policy of accident or health
10 insurance ~~providing telehealth services~~ may not:

11 (A) require that in-person contact occur between a
12 health care provider and a patient;

13 (B) require the health care provider to document a
14 barrier to an in-person consultation for coverage of
15 services to be provided through telehealth;

16 (C) require the use of telehealth when the health
17 care provider has determined that it is not
18 appropriate; or

19 (D) require the use of telehealth when a patient
20 chooses an in-person consultation.

21 (2) Deductibles, copayments, or coinsurance applicable
22 to services provided through telehealth shall not exceed
23 the deductibles, copayments, or coinsurance required by
24 the individual or group policy of accident or health
25 insurance for the same services provided through in-person
26 consultation.

1 (c) Nothing in this Section shall be deemed as precluding a
2 health insurer from providing benefits for other services,
3 including, but not limited to, remote monitoring services,
4 other monitoring services, or oral communications otherwise
5 covered under the policy.

6 (Source: P.A. 98-1091, eff. 1-1-15.)".