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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 6

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 6 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 psychiatric mental health services.
8 The General Assembly finds that providing access to psychiatric
9 mental health services in a timely manner will improve the
10 quality of life for persons suffering from mental illness and
11 will contain health care costs by avoiding the need for more
12 costly inpatient hospitalization. The Department of Healthcare
13 and Family Services shall reimburse psychiatrists and
14 federally qualified health centers as defined in Section 1905
15 (1) (2) (B) of the federal Social Security Act for mental health
16 services provided by psychiatrists, as authorized by Illinois

1 law, to recipients via telepsychiatry. The Department, by rule,
2 shall establish (i) criteria for such services to be
3 reimbursed, including appropriate facilities and equipment to
4 be used at both sites and requirements for a physician or other
5 licensed medical professional to be present at the site where
6 the patient is located, and (ii) a method to reimburse
7 providers for mental health services provided by
8 telepsychiatry.

9 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
10 becoming law.".