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Amendment Form

Subtitle of House Bill No. 1063

TO AMEND THE TELEMEDICINE ACT; AND TO AUTHORIZE ADDITIONAL REIMBURSEMENT FOR
TELEMEDICINE VIA TELEPHONE.

Amendment No. 2 to House Bill 1063

Amend House Bill No. 1063 as engrossed, H1/25/21 (version: 01/25/2021 9:39:37 AM)

Page 2, delete lines 17 through 20, and substitute the following:

"physician or other healthcare professional with a professional relationship with the patient, using real-time interactive audio technology, including the telephone;"

AND

Delete SECTION 3 in its entirety

AND

Page 4, delete lines 6 through 10, and substitute the following:

"(i) Audio-only communication, ~~including without limitation interactive audio~~ unless the audio-only communication is real-time, interactive, and substantially meets the requirements for a healthcare service that would otherwise be covered by the health benefit plan;

(ii) A facsimile machine;

(iii) Text messaging; or

(iv) ~~Electronic mail systems~~ Email.

SECTION 5. Arkansas Code § 23-79-1602(e), concerning prohibitions on the coverage for telemedicine services, is amended to read as follows:

(e) A health benefit plan shall not impose on coverage for healthcare services provided through telemedicine:

(1) An annual or lifetime dollar maximum on coverage for services provided through telemedicine other than an annual or lifetime dollar maximum that applies to the aggregate of all items and services covered;

(2) A deductible, copayment, coinsurance, benefit limitation, or maximum benefit that is not equally imposed upon all healthcare services covered under the health benefit plan; ~~or~~



(3) A prior authorization requirement for services provided through telemedicine that exceeds the prior authorization requirement for in-person healthcare services under the health benefit plan; or

(4) A requirement or financial incentive of any kind for a covered person to choose any commercial telemedicine service provider or a restricted network of telemedicine-only providers rather than the covered person's regular doctor or provider of choice."

AND

Delete SECTIONS 6 and 7 in their entirety

AND

Appropriately renumber the sections of the bill

The Amendment was read _____
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