STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

January 26, 2021

Introduced by Sen. HARCKHAM -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Health

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to reimbursing health care providers at the same rate for telehealth visits as in-person visits

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 2999-dd of the public health law, as amended by chapter 124 of the laws of 2020, is amended to read as follows:

1. Health care services delivered by means of telehealth shall be entitled to reimbursement on the same basis and to the same extent as if such services were provided in person under section three hundred r sixty-seven-u of the social services law; provided however, reimbursement for additional modalities, provider categories and originating sites specified in accordance with section twenty-nine hundred ninetynine-ee of this article, and audio-only telephone communication defined in regulations promulgated pursuant to subdivision four of section twenty-nine hundred ninety-nine-cc of this article, shall be contingent upon federal financial participation.

14 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION--Matter in <u>italics</u> (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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