# STATE OF NEW YORK

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2021-2022 Regular Sessions

# 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 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to reimbursing health care providers at the same rate for telephonic and 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**, including audio-only telephone communications as defined in regulations promulgated pursuant to subdivision four of section twenty-nine hundred ninety-nine-cc of this article,** 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 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 ninety-nine-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.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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