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H. R. 1867

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to remove in-person requirements under Medicare for mental health services furnished through telehealth and telecommunications technology.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 5, 2025

Mr. HERN of Oklahoma (for himself, Mr. SUOZZI, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Ms. LEE of Nevada, and Ms. MALLIOTAKIS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. REMOVING THE IN-PERSON REQUIREMENTS**
2 **UNDER MEDICARE FOR MENTAL HEALTH**
3 **SERVICES FURNISHED THROUGH TELE-**
4 **HEALTH AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS TECH-**
5 **NOLOGY.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1834(m)(7) of the Social
7 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395m(m)(7)) is amended to read
8 as follows:

9 “(7) TREATMENT OF SUBSTANCE USE DIS-
10 ORDER SERVICES AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES
11 FURNISHED THROUGH TELEHEALTH.—The geo-
12 graphic requirements described in paragraph
13 (4)(C)(i) shall not apply with respect to telehealth
14 services furnished on or after July 1, 2020, to an el-
15 igible telehealth individual with a substance use dis-
16 order diagnosis for purposes of treatment of such
17 disorder or co-occurring mental health disorder, as
18 determined by the Secretary, or, on or after the first
19 day after the end of the emergency period described
20 in section 1135(g)(1)(B), to an eligible telehealth in-
21 dividual for purposes of diagnosis, evaluation, or
22 treatment of a mental health disorder, as determined
23 by the Secretary, at an originating site described in
24 paragraph (4)(C)(ii) (other than an originating site
25 described in subclause (IX) of such paragraph) or,

1 for the period for which clause (iii) of paragraph
2 (4)(C) applies, at any site described in such clause.”.

3 (b) MENTAL HEALTH VISITS FURNISHED BY RURAL
4 HEALTH CLINICS.—Section 1834(y)(2) of the Social Se-
5 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1395m(y)(2)) is amended by strik-
6 ing “prior to April 1, 2025”.

7 (c) MENTAL HEALTH VISITS FURNISHED BY FEDER-
8 ALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTERS.—Section
9 1834(o)(4)(B) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
10 1395m(o)(4)(B)) is amended by striking “prior to April
11 1, 2025”.

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