

# HB0707



## 102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

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#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

215 ILCS 5/356z.22

Amends the Illinois Insurance Code. In provisions concerning coverage for telehealth services, provides that if an individual or group policy of accident or health insurance provides coverage for telehealth services, reimbursement for services provided through telehealth services shall be equivalent to reimbursement for the same services provided through in-person consultation.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Insurance Code is amended by  
5 changing Section 356z.22 as follows:

6 (215 ILCS 5/356z.22)

7 Sec. 356z.22. Coverage for telehealth services.

8 (a) For purposes of this Section:

9 "Distant site" means the location at which the health care  
10 provider rendering the telehealth service is located.

11 "Interactive telecommunications system" means an audio and  
12 video system permitting 2-way, live interactive communication  
13 between the patient and the distant site health care provider.

14 "Telehealth services" means the delivery of covered health  
15 care services by way of an interactive telecommunications  
16 system.

17 (b) If an individual or group policy of accident or health  
18 insurance provides coverage for telehealth services, then it  
19 must comply with the following:

20 (1) An individual or group policy of accident or  
21 health insurance providing telehealth services may not:

22 (A) require that in-person contact occur between a  
23 health care provider and a patient;

1 (B) require the health care provider to document a  
2 barrier to an in-person consultation for coverage of  
3 services to be provided through telehealth;

4 (C) require the use of telehealth when the health  
5 care provider has determined that it is not  
6 appropriate; or

7 (D) require the use of telehealth when a patient  
8 chooses an in-person consultation.

9 (2) Deductibles, copayments, or coinsurance applicable  
10 to services provided through telehealth shall not exceed  
11 the deductibles, copayments, or coinsurance required by  
12 the individual or group policy of accident or health  
13 insurance for the same services provided through in-person  
14 consultation.

15 (3) Reimbursement for services provided through  
16 telehealth services shall be equivalent to reimbursement  
17 for the same services provided through in-person  
18 consultation.

19 (b-5) If an individual or group policy of accident or  
20 health insurance provides coverage for telehealth services, it  
21 must provide coverage for licensed dietitian nutritionists and  
22 certified diabetes educators who counsel senior diabetes  
23 patients in the senior diabetes patients' homes to remove the  
24 hurdle of transportation for senior diabetes patients to  
25 receive treatment.

26 (c) Nothing in this Section shall be deemed as precluding

1 a health insurer from providing benefits for other services,  
2 including, but not limited to, remote monitoring services,  
3 other monitoring services, or oral communications otherwise  
4 covered under the policy.

5 (Source: P.A. 100-1009, eff. 1-1-19.)