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Chapter No.

AN ACT

Relating to insurance coverage for mental health benefits provided through telehealth.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

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1 Relating to insurance coverage for mental health benefits provided through telehealth.

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3 * **Section 1.** AS 21.42 is amended by adding a new section to read:

4 **Sec. 21.42.422. Coverage for telehealth and mental health benefits.** A
5 health care insurer that offers, issues for delivery, or renews in the state a health care
6 insurance plan in the group or individual market that provides mental health benefits
7 shall provide coverage for mental health benefits provided through telehealth by a
8 health care provider licensed in this state and may not require that prior in-person
9 contact occur between a health care provider and a patient before payment is made for
10 covered services.

11 * **Sec. 2.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
12 read:

13 **APPLICABILITY.** AS 21.42.422, added by sec. 1 of this Act, applies to a health care

1 insurance plan offered, issued for delivery, delivered, or renewed on or after the effective date
2 of this Act.