



# *State of Tennessee*

## **PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 191**

### **SENATE BILL NO. 429**

**By Gardenhire, Walley, Yager**

Substituted for: House Bill No. 620

By Rudder, Sparks, Helton, Ramsey, White, Howell, Smith, Powers, Hazlewood, Curcio, Terry,  
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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56, Chapter 7, relative to telehealth.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 56-7-1003(a)(6), is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision:

(C) Notwithstanding subdivisions (a)(6)(A) and (B), includes Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) (42 U.S.C. § 1320d et seq.) compliant audio-only conversation for the provision of behavioral health services when the means described in subdivision (a)(6)(A) are unavailable;


SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 56-7-1003(a)(6)(A), is amended by deleting the word "Accessibility" and substituting the word "Accountability".

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it, and applies to services delivered on or after the effective date of this act.

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PASSED: April 8, 2021

  
RANDY McNALLY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April 2021

  
BILL LEE, GOVERNOR