

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

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To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure coverage of
mental and behavioral health services furnished through telehealth.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. CASSIDY (for himself and Ms. SMITH) introduced the following bill; which
was read twice and referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

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coverage of mental and behavioral health services fur-
nished through telehealth.

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

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Telemental Health
5 Care Access Act of 2025”.

6 **SEC. 2. ENSURING COVERAGE FOR MENTAL AND BEHAV-**
7 **IORAL HEALTH SERVICES FURNISHED**
8 **THROUGH TELEHEALTH.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1834(m)(7) of the Social
10 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395m(m)(7)) is amended—

1 (1) by striking “MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES”
2 and all that follows through “The geographic” and
3 inserting “MENTAL AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERV-
4 ICES FURNISHED THROUGH TELEHEALTH.—The ge-
5 ographic”;

6 (2) by striking “subject to subparagraph (B),”;

7 (3) by inserting “, or for the provision of behav-
8 ioral health services” after “or treatment of a men-
9 tal health disorder”; and

10 (4) by striking subparagraph (B).

11 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
12 subsection (a) shall take effect as if included in the enact-
13 ment of section 123 of division CC of the Consolidated
14 Appropriations Act, 2021 (Public Law 116–260).