

IN THE SENATE

SENATE BILL NO. 1058

BY COMMERCE AND HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO TELEHEALTH ACCESS; AMENDING CHAPTER 57, TITLE 54, IDAHO CODE, BY  
2 THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 54-5714, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR COVER-  
3 AGE FOR THE COST OF TELEHEALTH SERVICES, TO PROVIDE A DEFINITION AND TO  
4 PROVIDE FOR ENFORCEMENT.  
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6 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

7 SECTION 1. That Chapter 57, Title 54, Idaho Code, be, and the same is  
8 hereby amended by the addition thereto of a NEW SECTION, to be known and des-  
9 ignated as Section 54-5714, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

10 54-5714. COST COVERAGE. (1) The cost of telehealth services received  
11 by a resident of this state shall be covered by a health carrier or other en-  
12 tity in the same manner and to the same extent that the cost of such services  
13 would be covered if the services were received in person.

14 (2) For purposes of this section, "health carrier or other entity"  
15 means:

16 (a) An entity that meets the definition of "carrier" under section  
17 41-5203, Idaho Code;

18 (b) An entity providing worker's compensation coverage to a person en-  
19 titled to worker's compensation benefits under title 72, Idaho Code;

20 (c) The state's medical assistance (medicaid) plan; or

21 (d) An entity otherwise obliged, through law or contract, to cover a  
22 person's health care costs.

23 (3) This section shall be enforced by, and authority to promulgate  
24 rules to effect such enforcement is granted to, the following:

25 (a) The director of the department of health and welfare, with respect  
26 to the state's medical assistance plan;

27 (b) The industrial commission, with respect to entities providing  
28 worker's compensation coverage; and

29 (c) The director of the department of insurance.