118TH CONGRESS 2D SESSION

H.R. 7858

AN ACT

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish a Medicare incident to modifier for mental health services furnished through telehealth and other telehealth services.

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

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

- This Act may be cited as the "Telehealth Enhance-
- 3 ment for Mental Health Act of 2024" or the "TELEMH
- 4 Act of 2024".
- 5 SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF MEDICARE INCIDENT TO
- 6 MODIFIER FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES
- 7 FURNISHED THROUGH TELEHEALTH AND
- 8 OTHER TELEHEALTH SERVICES.
- 9 Section 1834(m) of the Social Security Act (42
- 10 U.S.C. 1395m(m)) is amended by adding at the end the
- 11 following new paragraph:
- 12 "(10) Required use of modifiers in cer-
- 13 TAIN INSTANCES.—Not later than January 1, 2026,
- the Secretary shall establish requirements to include
- a code or modifier, as determined appropriate by the
- 16 Secretary, in the case of claims for telehealth serv-
- ices under this subsection that are billed incident to
- a physician's or practitioner's professional service.".

Passed the House of Representatives September 17, 2024.

Attest:

Clerk.

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