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BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 534
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 10, after “rate;” insert “requiring the Maryland Health Care Commission to study and make recommendations regarding the delivery of health care services through telehealth, including payment parity for the delivery of health care services through audiovisual and audio-only telehealth technologies;”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 5, after line 11, insert:

“SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) The Maryland Health Care Commission shall study and make recommendations regarding the delivery of health care services through telehealth, including payment parity for the delivery of health care services through audiovisual and audio-only telehealth technologies.

(b) In conducting the study required under subsection (a) of this section, the Maryland Health Care Commission shall:

(1) determine whether it is more or less costly for health care providers to deliver health care services through telehealth;

(2) determine whether the delivery of health care services through telehealth requires more or less clinical effort on the part of the health care provider;

(3) to help inform the debate on payment parity, identify the aspects of telehealth that are subject to overuse or underuse or yield greater or lower value;

(4) assess the adequacy of reimbursement for behavioral health services delivered in-person and by telehealth; and

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(5) address any other issues related to telehealth as determined necessary by the Commission.

(c) On or before December 1, 2024, the Maryland Health Care Commission shall submit a report on its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article.”;

and in line 12, strike “2.” and substitute “3.”.