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57TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2025

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AN ACT

RELATING TO TELEHEALTH; AMENDING THE NEW MEXICO TELEHEALTH ACT
TO ALLOW ALL LICENSED SOCIAL WORKERS TO PROVIDE TELEHEALTH
SERVICES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. Section 24-25-3 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2004,
Chapter 48, Section 3, as amended) is amended to read:

"24-25-3. DEFINITIONS.--As used in the New Mexico
Telehealth Act:

A. "health care provider" means a person licensed,
certified or registered to provide health care to patients in
New Mexico, including:

- (1) an optometrist;
- (2) a chiropractic physician;
- (3) a dentist;

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- 1 (4) a physician;
- 2 (5) a ~~[podiatrist]~~ podiatric physician;
- 3 (6) an osteopathic physician;
- 4 (7) a physician assistant;
- 5 (8) a certified nurse practitioner;
- 6 (9) a physical therapist;
- 7 (10) an occupational therapist;
- 8 (11) a speech-language pathologist;
- 9 (12) a doctor of oriental medicine;
- 10 (13) a nutritionist;
- 11 (14) a psychologist;
- 12 (15) a certified nurse-midwife;
- 13 (16) a clinical nurse specialist;
- 14 (17) a registered nurse;
- 15 (18) a dental hygienist;
- 16 (19) a pharmacist;
- 17 (20) a licensed ~~[independent]~~ social worker;
- 18 (21) a licensed counselor;
- 19 (22) a community health representative; ~~[or]~~
- 20 (23) a licensed athletic trainer;
- 21 (24) a certified peer support worker; or
- 22 (25) any other health care professional who
- 23 has received a medicaid provider identification number from the
- 24 health care authority;

25 B. "originating site" means a place where a patient

1 may receive health care via telehealth. An originating site
2 may include:

- 3 (1) a licensed inpatient center;
- 4 (2) an ambulatory surgical or treatment
5 center;
- 6 (3) a skilled nursing center;
- 7 (4) a residential treatment center;
- 8 (5) a home health agency;
- 9 (6) a diagnostic laboratory or imaging center;
- 10 (7) an assisted living center;
- 11 (8) a school-based health program;
- 12 (9) a mobile clinic;
- 13 (10) a mental health clinic;
- 14 (11) a rehabilitation or other therapeutic
15 health setting;
- 16 (12) the patient's residence;
- 17 (13) a federally qualified health center; or
- 18 (14) a community health center; and

19 C. "telehealth" means the use of electronic
20 information, imaging and communication technologies, including
21 interactive audio, video, data communications as well as store-
22 and-forward technologies, to provide and support health care
23 delivery, diagnosis, consultation, treatment, transfer of
24 medical data and education."