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1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to insurance; to require insurers to provide
2 descriptions relating to telehealth and telemonitoring as
3 prescribed.

4 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. (1) For purposes of this section:

2 (a) Telehealth means the use of medical information electronically
3 exchanged from one site to another, whether synchronously or
4 asynchronously, to aid a health care provider in the diagnosis or
5 treatment of a patient. Telehealth includes services originating from a
6 patient's home or any other location where such patient is located,
7 asynchronous services involving the acquisition and storage of medical
8 information at one site that is then forwarded to or retrieved by a
9 health care provider at another site for medical evaluation, and
10 telemonitoring; and

11 (b) Telemonitoring means the remote monitoring of a patient's vital
12 signs, biometric data, or subjective data by a monitoring device which
13 transmits such data electronically to a health care provider for analysis
14 and storage.

15 (2) Any insurer offering (a) any individual or group sickness and
16 accident insurance policy, certificate, or subscriber contract delivered,
17 issued for delivery, or renewed in this state, (b) any hospital, medical,
18 or surgical expense-incurred policy, except for policies that provide
19 coverage for a specified disease or other limited-benefit coverage, or
20 (c) any self-funded employee benefit plan to the extent not preempted by
21 federal law, shall provide upon request to a policyholder, certificate
22 holder, or health care provider a description of the telehealth and
23 telemonitoring services covered under the relevant policy, certificate,
24 contract, or plan. The description shall include:

25 (a) A description of services included in telehealth and
26 telemonitoring coverage, including, but not limited to, any coverage for
27 transmission costs;

28 (b) Exclusions or limitations for telehealth and telemonitoring
29 coverage, including, but not limited to, any limitation on coverage for
30 transmission costs;

31 (c) Requirements for the licensing status of health care providers

- 1 providing telehealth and telemonitoring services; and
- 2 (d) Requirements for demonstrating compliance with the signed
- 3 written statement requirement in section 71-8505.