

Bill No.: SF0052 **Effective:** **Immediately**

LSO No.: **21LSO-0061**

Enrolled Act No.: SEA No. 0045

Chapter No.: 83

Prime Sponsor: Joint Labor, Health & Social Services Interim Committee

Catch Title: **Insurance-mental health and substance use parity.**

Subject: Insurance coverage for telehealth delivered mental health and substance abuse services.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act prohibits any individual or group health insurance contract issued in Wyoming from:
 - Denying coverage for a mental health or substance abuse service that is delivered using a remote audio or audio-visual system (i.e. delivered using a telehealth system) if that same service would be covered if it was delivered in-person;
 - Charging a copayment, deductible or coinsurance amount to a person receiving mental health or substance use services through remote audio or audio-visual delivery systems that is higher than the amount charged for the same service delivered in-person;
 - Reducing any payment or reimbursement provided to a health care provider for the provision of substance use or mental health services using remote audio or audio-visual delivery systems to less than what would be paid if the services were rendered in-person.

Comments:

- The act applies to all insurance policies and plans delivered, issued, renewed, modified, amended or extended on or after December 1, 2021.

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