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An Act to Permit Telehealth Services Across State Lines Following Referral from a Primary Care Provider Based in the State

Reference to the Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services suggested and ordered printed.

ROBERT B. HUNT

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Clerk

Presented by Representative FREDETTE of Newport.

1 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

- Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §69, sub-§1, ¶A-1 is enacted to read:
- A-1. "Primary care provider" means a physician licensed under chapter 46 or 48, advanced practice registered nurse approved pursuant to section 2201-A or physician assistant licensed under section 2594-E or 3270-E who provides preventive care services to a patient and coordinates and oversees a patient's access to health care services, including specialty health care services.

Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §69, sub-§2-A is enacted to read:

- 2-A. Telehealth services upon referral of primary care provider; person not licensed in this State. Notwithstanding any provision of this section or any other provision of law to the contrary, a person not licensed under this chapter may provide telehealth services to a patient located in this State if:
 - A. The patient has received a referral from a primary care provider licensed in this State and the primary care provider has obtained and documented the patient's written informed consent to receive telehealth services;
 - B. The person is fully licensed without restriction in the state from which the person provides telehealth services, including any licensing or certification requirements to provide telehealth services in that state;
- C. The person has not had a license revoked or restricted in any state or jurisdiction;
- D. The person complies with the provisions of this section regarding telehealth services and any rules adopted pursuant to this section in the same manner as a person licensed under this chapter; and
 - E. Prior to the provision of telehealth services, the person discloses to the patient the person's qualifications, proof of licensure and contact information.
 - Sec. 3. 32 MRSA §566, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:
 - 1-A. Primary care provider. "Primary care provider" means a physician licensed under chapter 46 or 48, advanced practice registered nurse approved pursuant to section 2201-A or physician assistant licensed under section 2594-E or 3270-E who provides preventive care services to a patient and coordinates and oversees a patient's access to health care services, including specialty health care services.
 - **Sec. 4. 32 MRSA §567,** as enacted by PL 2021, c. 291, Pt. B, §2, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§567. Telehealth services permitted

- 1. Persons licensed in this State; telehealth services permitted. A person licensed under this chapter may provide telehealth services as long as the licensee acts within the scope of practice of the licensee's license, in accordance with any requirements and restrictions imposed by this subchapter and in accordance with standards of practice.
- 2. Telehealth services upon referral of primary care provider; person not licensed in this State. Notwithstanding any provision of this section or any other provision of law to the contrary, a person not licensed under this chapter may provide telehealth services to a patient located in this State if:

- A. The patient has received a referral from a primary care provider licensed in this

 State and the primary care provider has obtained and documented the patient's written informed consent to receive telehealth services;
 - B. The person is fully licensed without restriction in the state from which the person provides telehealth services, including any licensing or certification requirements to provide telehealth services in that state;
 - C. The person has not had a license revoked or restricted in any state or jurisdiction;
- D. The person complies with the provisions of this section regarding telehealth services and any rules adopted pursuant to this section in the same manner as a person licensed under this chapter; and
- E. Prior to the provision of telehealth services, the person discloses to the patient the person's qualifications, proof of licensure and contact information.
 - Sec. 5. 32 MRSA §1533, sub-§1, ¶A-1 is enacted to read:

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- A-1. "Primary care provider" means a physician licensed under chapter 46 or 48, advanced practice registered nurse approved pursuant to section 2201-A or physician assistant licensed under section 2594-E or 3270-E who provides preventive care services to a patient and coordinates and oversees a patient's access to health care services, including specialty health care services.
 - Sec. 6. 32 MRSA §1533, sub-§2-A is enacted to read:
- 2-A. Telehealth services upon referral of primary care provider; person not licensed in this State. Notwithstanding any provision of this section or any other provision of law to the contrary, a person not licensed under this chapter may provide telehealth services to a patient located in this State if:
 - A. The patient has received a referral from a primary care provider licensed in this State and the primary care provider has obtained and documented the patient's written informed consent to receive telehealth services;
- B. The person is fully licensed without restriction in the state from which the person provides telehealth services, including any licensing or certification requirements to provide telehealth services in that state;
 - C. The person has not had a license revoked or restricted in any state or jurisdiction;
- D. The person complies with the provisions of this section regarding telehealth services and any rules adopted pursuant to this section in the same manner as a person licensed under this chapter; and
- E. Prior to the provision of telehealth services, the person discloses to the patient the person's qualifications, proof of licensure and contact information.
- 36 **Sec. 7. 32 MRSA §2266, sub-§1-A** is enacted to read:
- 1-A. Primary care provider. "Primary care provider" means a physician licensed under chapter 46 or 48, advanced practice registered nurse approved pursuant to section 2201-A or physician assistant licensed under section 2594-E or 3270-E who provides preventive care services to a patient and coordinates and oversees a patient's access to health care services, including specialty health care services.

Sec. 8. 32 MRSA §2267, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 291, Pt. B, §4, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§2267. Telehealth services permitted

- 1. Persons licensed in this State; telehealth services permitted. A person licensed under this chapter may provide telehealth services as long as the licensee acts within the scope of practice of the licensee's license, in accordance with any requirements and restrictions imposed by this subchapter and in accordance with standards of practice.
- 2. Telehealth services upon referral of primary care provider; person not licensed in this State. Notwithstanding any provision of this section or any other provision of law to the contrary, a person not licensed under this chapter may provide telehealth services to a patient located in this State if:
 - A. The patient has received a referral from a primary care provider licensed in this State and the primary care provider has obtained and documented the patient's written informed consent to receive telehealth services;
 - B. The person is fully licensed without restriction in the state from which the person provides telehealth services, including any licensing or certification requirements to provide telehealth services in that state;
 - C. The person has not had a license revoked or restricted in any state or jurisdiction;
- D. The person complies with the provisions of this section regarding telehealth services and any rules adopted pursuant to this section in the same manner as a person licensed under this chapter; and
- E. Prior to the provision of telehealth services, the person discloses to the patient the person's qualifications, proof of licensure and contact information.
 - **Sec. 9. 32 MRSA §2276-A, sub-§1, ¶A-1** is enacted to read:
 - A-1. "Primary care provider" means a physician licensed under chapter 46 or 48, advanced practice registered nurse approved pursuant to section 2201-A or physician assistant licensed under section 2594-E or 3270-E who provides preventive care services to a patient and coordinates and oversees a patient's access to health care services, including specialty health care services.
- **Sec. 10. 32 MRSA §2276-A, sub-§2-A** is enacted to read:
- 2-A. Telehealth services upon referral of primary care provider; person not licensed in this State. Notwithstanding any provision of this section or any other provision of law to the contrary, a person not licensed under this chapter may provide telehealth services to a patient located in this State if:
 - A. The patient has received a referral from a primary care provider licensed in this State and the primary care provider has obtained and documented the patient's written informed consent to receive telehealth services;
 - B. The person is fully licensed without restriction in the state from which the person provides telehealth services, including any licensing or certification requirements to provide telehealth services in that state;
- 41 C. The person has not had a license revoked or restricted in any state or jurisdiction;

- D. The person complies with the provisions of this section regarding telehealth services and any rules adopted pursuant to this section in the same manner as a person licensed under this chapter; and
 - E. Prior to the provision of telehealth services, the person discloses to the patient the person's qualifications, proof of licensure and contact information.

Sec. 11. 32 MRSA §2600-AA, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:

- 1-A. Primary care provider. "Primary care provider" means a physician licensed under chapter 46 or 48, advanced practice registered nurse approved pursuant to section 2201-A or physician assistant licensed under section 2594-E or 3270-E who provides preventive care services to a patient and coordinates and oversees a patient's access to health care services, including specialty health care services.
- **Sec. 12. 32 MRSA §2600-BB,** as enacted by PL 2021, c. 291, Pt. B, §7, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§2600-BB. Telehealth services permitted

- 1. Persons licensed in this State; telehealth services permitted. A person licensed under this chapter may provide telehealth services as long as the licensee acts within the scope of practice of the licensee's license, in accordance with any requirements and restrictions imposed by this subchapter and in accordance with standards of practice.
- 2. Telehealth services upon referral of primary care provider; person not licensed in this State. Notwithstanding any provision of this section or any other provision of law to the contrary, a person not licensed under this chapter may provide telehealth services to a patient located in this State if:
 - A. The patient has received a referral from a primary care provider licensed in this State and the primary care provider has obtained and documented the patient's written informed consent to receive telehealth services;
 - B. The person is fully licensed without restriction in the state from which the person provides telehealth services, including any licensing or certification requirements to provide telehealth services in that state;
- C. The person has not had a license revoked or restricted in any state or jurisdiction;
- D. The person complies with the provisions of this section regarding telehealth services and any rules adopted pursuant to this section in the same manner as a person licensed under this chapter; and
- E. Prior to the provision of telehealth services, the person discloses to the patient the person's qualifications, proof of licensure and contact information.
- **Sec. 13. 32 MRSA §3120, sub-§1, ¶A-1** is enacted to read:
 - A-1. "Primary care provider" means a physician licensed under chapter 46 or 48, advanced practice registered nurse approved pursuant to section 2201-A or physician assistant licensed under section 2594-E or 3270-E who provides preventive care services to a patient and coordinates and oversees a patient's access to health care services, including specialty health care services.
 - Sec. 14. 32 MRSA §3120, sub-§2-A is enacted to read:

- 2-A. Telehealth services upon referral of primary care provider; person not licensed in this State. Notwithstanding any provision of this section or any other provision of law to the contrary, a person not licensed under this chapter may provide telehealth services to a patient located in this State if:
 - A. The patient has received a referral from a primary care provider licensed in this State and the primary care provider has obtained and documented the patient's written informed consent to receive telehealth services;
 - B. The person is fully licensed without restriction in the state from which the person provides telehealth services, including any licensing or certification requirements to provide telehealth services in that state;
 - C. The person has not had a license revoked or restricted in any state or jurisdiction;
 - D. The person complies with the provisions of this section regarding telehealth services and any rules adopted pursuant to this section in the same manner as a person licensed under this chapter; and
 - E. Prior to the provision of telehealth services, the person discloses to the patient the person's qualifications, proof of licensure and contact information.
 - **Sec. 15. 32 MRSA §3300-AA, sub-§1-A** is enacted to read:
 - 1-A. Primary care provider. "Primary care provider" means a physician licensed under chapter 46 or 48, advanced practice registered nurse approved pursuant to section 2201-A or physician assistant licensed under section 2594-E or 3270-E who provides preventive care services to a patient and coordinates and oversees a patient's access to health care services, including specialty health care services.
 - **Sec. 16. 32 MRSA §3300-BB,** as enacted by PL 2021, c. 291, Pt. B, §9, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§3300-BB. Telehealth services permitted

- 1. Persons licensed in this State; telehealth services permitted. A person licensed under this chapter may provide telehealth services as long as the licensee acts within the scope of practice of the licensee's license, in accordance with any requirements and restrictions imposed by this subchapter and in accordance with standards of practice.
- 2. Telehealth services upon referral of primary care provider; person not licensed in this State. Notwithstanding any provision of this section or any other provision of law to the contrary, a person not licensed under this chapter may provide telehealth services to a patient located in this State if:
 - A. The patient has received a referral from a primary care provider licensed in this State and the primary care provider has obtained and documented the patient's written informed consent to receive telehealth services;
- B. The person is fully licensed without restriction in the state from which the person provides telehealth services, including any licensing or certification requirements to provide telehealth services in that state;
- C. The person has not had a license revoked or restricted in any state or jurisdiction;

- D. The person complies with the provisions of this section regarding telehealth services and any rules adopted pursuant to this section in the same manner as a person licensed under this chapter; and
 - E. Prior to the provision of telehealth services, the person discloses to the patient the person's qualifications, proof of licensure and contact information.

Sec. 17. 32 MRSA §3661, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:

- 1-A. Primary care provider. "Primary care provider" means a physician licensed under chapter 46 or 48, advanced practice registered nurse approved pursuant to section 2201-A or physician assistant licensed under section 2594-E or 3270-E who provides preventive care services to a patient and coordinates and oversees a patient's access to health care services, including specialty health care services.
- **Sec. 18. 32 MRSA §3662,** as enacted by PL 2021, c. 291, Pt. B, §10, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§3662. Telehealth services permitted

- 1. Persons licensed in this State; telehealth services permitted. A person licensed under this chapter may provide telehealth services as long as the licensee acts within the scope of practice of the licensee's license, in accordance with any requirements and restrictions imposed by this subchapter and in accordance with standards of practice.
- 2. Telehealth services upon referral of primary care provider; person not licensed in this State. Notwithstanding any provision of this section or any other provision of law to the contrary, a person not licensed under this chapter may provide telehealth services to a patient located in this State if:
 - A. The patient has received a referral from a primary care provider licensed in this State and the primary care provider has obtained and documented the patient's written informed consent to receive telehealth services;
 - B. The person is fully licensed without restriction in the state from which the person provides telehealth services, including any licensing or certification requirements to provide telehealth services in that state;
 - C. The person has not had a license revoked or restricted in any state or jurisdiction;
 - D. The person complies with the provisions of this section regarding telehealth services and any rules adopted pursuant to this section in the same manner as a person licensed under this chapter; and
- E. Prior to the provision of telehealth services, the person discloses to the patient the person's qualifications, proof of licensure and contact information.
 - Sec. 19. 32 MRSA §3850-E, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:
- 1-A. Primary care provider. "Primary care provider" means a physician licensed under chapter 46 or 48, advanced practice registered nurse approved pursuant to section 2201-A or physician assistant licensed under section 2594-E or 3270-E who provides preventive care services to a patient and coordinates and oversees a patient's access to health care services, including specialty health care services.

Sec. 20. 32 MRSA §3850-F, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 291, Pt. B, §11 and reallocated by RR 2021, c. 1, Pt. A, §29, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§3850-F. Telehealth services permitted

- 1. Persons licensed in this State; telehealth services permitted. A person licensed under this chapter may provide telehealth services as long as the licensee acts within the scope of practice of the licensee's license, in accordance with any requirements and restrictions imposed by this subchapter and in accordance with standards of practice.
- 2. Telehealth services upon referral of primary care provider; person not licensed in this State. Notwithstanding any provision of this section or any other provision of law to the contrary, a person not licensed under this chapter may provide telehealth services to a patient located in this State if:
- A. The patient has received a referral from a primary care provider licensed in this State and the primary care provider has obtained and documented the patient's written informed consent to receive telehealth services;
 - B. The person is fully licensed without restriction in the state from which the person provides telehealth services, including any licensing or certification requirements to provide telehealth services in that state;
 - C. The person has not had a license revoked or restricted in any state or jurisdiction;
 - D. The person complies with the provisions of this section regarding telehealth services and any rules adopted pursuant to this section in the same manner as a person licensed under this chapter; and
- E. Prior to the provision of telehealth services, the person discloses to the patient the person's qualifications, proof of licensure and contact information.
 - Sec. 21. 32 MRSA §4879, sub-§1, ¶A-1 is enacted to read:
 - A-1. "Primary care provider" means a physician licensed under chapter 46 or 48, advanced practice registered nurse approved pursuant to section 2201-A or physician assistant licensed under section 2594-E or 3270-E who provides preventive care services to a patient and coordinates and oversees a patient's access to health care services, including specialty health care services.
 - **Sec. 22. 32 MRSA §4879, sub-§2-A** is enacted to read:
- 2-A. Telehealth services upon referral of primary care provider; person not licensed in this State. Notwithstanding any provision of this section or any other provision of law to the contrary, a person not licensed under this chapter may provide telehealth services to a patient located in this State if:
 - A. The patient has received a referral from a primary care provider licensed in this State and the primary care provider has obtained and documented the patient's written informed consent to receive telehealth services;
 - B. The person is fully licensed without restriction in the state from which the person provides telehealth services, including any licensing or certification requirements to provide telehealth services in that state;
 - C. The person has not had a license revoked or restricted in any state or jurisdiction;

- D. The person complies with the provisions of this section regarding telehealth services and any rules adopted pursuant to this section in the same manner as a person licensed under this chapter; and
 - E. Prior to the provision of telehealth services, the person discloses to the patient the person's qualifications, proof of licensure and contact information.

Sec. 23. 32 MRSA §6231, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:

- 1-A. Primary care provider. "Primary care provider" means a physician licensed under chapter 46 or 48, advanced practice registered nurse approved pursuant to section 2201-A or physician assistant licensed under section 2594-E or 3270-E who provides preventive care services to a patient and coordinates and oversees a patient's access to health care services, including specialty health care services.
- **Sec. 24. 32 MRSA §6232**, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 291, Pt. B, §13, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§6232. Telehealth services permitted

- 1. Persons licensed in this State; telehealth services permitted. A person licensed under this chapter may provide telehealth services as long as the licensee acts within the scope of practice of the licensee's license, in accordance with any requirements and restrictions imposed by this subchapter and in accordance with standards of practice.
- 2. Telehealth services upon referral of primary care provider; person not licensed in this State. Notwithstanding any provision of this section or any other provision of law to the contrary, a person not licensed under this chapter may provide telehealth services to a patient located in this State if:
 - A. The patient has received a referral from a primary care provider licensed in this State and the primary care provider has obtained and documented the patient's written informed consent to receive telehealth services;
 - B. The person is fully licensed without restriction in the state from which the person provides telehealth services, including any licensing or certification requirements to provide telehealth services in that state;
- C. The person has not had a license revoked or restricted in any state or jurisdiction;
- D. The person complies with the provisions of this section regarding telehealth services and any rules adopted pursuant to this section in the same manner as a person licensed under this chapter; and
- E. Prior to the provision of telehealth services, the person discloses to the patient the person's qualifications, proof of licensure and contact information.
- Sec. 25. 32 MRSA §7071, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:
- 1-A. Primary care provider. "Primary care provider" means a physician licensed under chapter 46 or 48, advanced practice registered nurse approved pursuant to section 2201-A or physician assistant licensed under section 2594-E or 3270-E who provides preventive care services to a patient and coordinates and oversees a patient's access to health care services, including specialty health care services.

Sec. 26. 32 MRSA §7072, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 291, Pt. B, §14, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§7072. Telehealth services permitted

- 1. Persons licensed in this State; telehealth services permitted. A person licensed under this chapter may provide telehealth services as long as the licensee acts within the scope of practice of the licensee's license, in accordance with any requirements and restrictions imposed by this subchapter and in accordance with standards of practice.
- 2. Telehealth services upon referral of primary care provider; person not licensed in this State. Notwithstanding any provision of this section or any other provision of law to the contrary, a person not licensed under this chapter may provide telehealth services to a patient located in this State if:
 - A. The patient has received a referral from a primary care provider licensed in this State and the primary care provider has obtained and documented the patient's written informed consent to receive telehealth services;
 - B. The person is fully licensed without restriction in the state from which the person provides telehealth services, including any licensing or certification requirements to provide telehealth services in that state;
 - C. The person has not had a license revoked or restricted in any state or jurisdiction;
- D. The person complies with the provisions of this section regarding telehealth services and any rules adopted pursuant to this section in the same manner as a person licensed under this chapter; and
- E. Prior to the provision of telehealth services, the person discloses to the patient the person's qualifications, proof of licensure and contact information.
 - Sec. 27. 32 MRSA §9714, sub-§1, ¶A-1 is enacted to read:
 - A-1. "Primary care provider" means a physician licensed under chapter 46 or 48, advanced practice registered nurse approved pursuant to section 2201-A or physician assistant licensed under section 2594-E or 3270-E who provides preventive care services to a patient and coordinates and oversees a patient's access to health care services, including specialty health care services.
 - Sec. 28. 32 MRSA §9714, sub-§2-A is enacted to read:
- 2-A. Telehealth services upon referral of primary care provider; person not licensed in this State. Notwithstanding any provision of this section or any other provision of law to the contrary, a person not licensed under this chapter may provide telehealth services to a patient located in this State if:
 - A. The patient has received a referral from a primary care provider licensed in this State and the primary care provider has obtained and documented the patient's written informed consent to receive telehealth services;
 - B. The person is fully licensed without restriction in the state from which the person provides telehealth services, including any licensing or certification requirements to provide telehealth services in that state;
- C. The person has not had a license revoked or restricted in any state or jurisdiction;

- D. The person complies with the provisions of this section regarding telehealth services and any rules adopted pursuant to this section in the same manner as a person licensed under this chapter; and
- E. Prior to the provision of telehealth services, the person discloses to the patient the person's qualifications, proof of licensure and contact information.

Sec. 29. 32 MRSA §9863, sub-§1, ¶A-1 is enacted to read:

A-1. "Primary care provider" means a physician licensed under chapter 46 or 48, advanced practice registered nurse approved pursuant to section 2201-A or physician assistant licensed under section 2594-E or 3270-E who provides preventive care services to a patient and coordinates and oversees a patient's access to health care services, including specialty health care services.

Sec. 30. 32 MRSA §9863, sub-§2-A is enacted to read:

- 2-A. Telehealth services upon referral of primary care provider; person not licensed in this State. Notwithstanding any provision of this section or any other provision of law to the contrary, a person not licensed under this chapter may provide telehealth services to a patient located in this State if:
 - A. The patient has received a referral from a primary care provider licensed in this State and the primary care provider has obtained and documented the patient's written informed consent to receive telehealth services;
- B. The person is fully licensed without restriction in the state from which the person provides telehealth services, including any licensing or certification requirements to provide telehealth services in that state;
 - C. The person has not had a license revoked or restricted in any state or jurisdiction;
- D. The person complies with the provisions of this section regarding telehealth services and any rules adopted pursuant to this section in the same manner as a person licensed under this chapter; and
- E. Prior to the provision of telehealth services, the person discloses to the patient the person's qualifications, proof of licensure and contact information.
 - Sec. 31. 32 MRSA §9916, sub-§1, ¶A-1 is enacted to read:
 - A-1. "Primary care provider" means a physician licensed under chapter 46 or 48, advanced practice registered nurse approved pursuant to section 2201-A or physician assistant licensed under section 2594-E or 3270-E who provides preventive care services to a patient and coordinates and oversees a patient's access to health care services, including specialty health care services.
 - Sec. 32. 32 MRSA §9916, sub-§2-A is enacted to read:
 - 2-A. Telehealth services upon referral of primary care provider; person not licensed in this State. Notwithstanding any provision of this section or any other provision of law to the contrary, a person not licensed under this chapter may provide telehealth services to a patient located in this State if:

- A. The patient has received a referral from a primary care provider licensed in this

 State and the primary care provider has obtained and documented the patient's written informed consent to receive telehealth services;
 - B. The person is fully licensed without restriction in the state from which the person provides telehealth services, including any licensing or certification requirements to provide telehealth services in that state;
 - C. The person has not had a license revoked or restricted in any state or jurisdiction;
- D. The person complies with the provisions of this section regarding telehealth services and any rules adopted pursuant to this section in the same manner as a person licensed under this chapter; and
- E. Prior to the provision of telehealth services, the person discloses to the patient the person's qualifications, proof of licensure and contact information.
 - Sec. 33. 32 MRSA §12611, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:
 - 1-A. Primary care provider. "Primary care provider" means a physician licensed under chapter 46 or 48, advanced practice registered nurse approved pursuant to section 2201-A or physician assistant licensed under section 2594-E or 3270-E who provides preventive care services to a patient and coordinates and oversees a patient's access to health care services, including specialty health care services.
 - **Sec. 34. 32 MRSA §12612,** as enacted by PL 2021, c. 291, Pt. B, §18, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§12612. Telehealth services permitted

- 1. Persons licensed in this State; telehealth services permitted. A person licensed under this chapter may provide telehealth services as long as the licensee acts within the scope of practice of the licensee's license, in accordance with any requirements and restrictions imposed by this subchapter and in accordance with standards of practice.
- 2. Telehealth services upon referral of primary care provider; person not licensed in this State. Notwithstanding any provision of this section or any other provision of law to the contrary, a person not licensed under this chapter may provide telehealth services to a patient located in this State if:
 - A. The patient has received a referral from a primary care provider licensed in this State and the primary care provider has obtained and documented the patient's written informed consent to receive telehealth services;
 - B. The person is fully licensed without restriction in the state from which the person provides telehealth services, including any licensing or certification requirements to provide telehealth services in that state;
- C. The person has not had a license revoked or restricted in any state or jurisdiction;
- D. The person complies with the provisions of this section regarding telehealth services and any rules adopted pursuant to this section in the same manner as a person licensed under this chapter; and
- E. Prior to the provision of telehealth services, the person discloses to the patient the person's qualifications, proof of licensure and contact information.

1 Sec. 35. 32 MRSA §13848, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:

- 1-A. Primary care provider. "Primary care provider" means a physician licensed under chapter 46 or 48, advanced practice registered nurse approved pursuant to section 2201-A or physician assistant licensed under section 2594-E or 3270-E who provides preventive care services to a patient and coordinates and oversees a patient's access to health care services, including specialty health care services.
- Sec. 36. 32 MRSA §13849, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 291, Pt. B, §19, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§13849. Telehealth services permitted

- 1. Persons licensed in this State; telehealth services permitted. A person licensed under this chapter may provide telehealth services as long as the licensee acts within the scope of practice of the licensee's license, in accordance with any requirements and restrictions imposed by this subchapter and in accordance with standards of practice.
- 2. Telehealth services upon referral of primary care provider; person not licensed in this State. Notwithstanding any provision of this section or any other provision of law to the contrary, a person not licensed under this chapter may provide telehealth services to a patient located in this State if:
 - A. The patient has received a referral from a primary care provider licensed in this State and the primary care provider has obtained and documented the patient's written informed consent to receive telehealth services;
 - B. The person is fully licensed without restriction in the state from which the person provides telehealth services, including any licensing or certification requirements to provide telehealth services in that state;
 - C. The person has not had a license revoked or restricted in any state or jurisdiction;
 - D. The person complies with the provisions of this section regarding telehealth services and any rules adopted pursuant to this section in the same manner as a person licensed under this chapter; and
- E. Prior to the provision of telehealth services, the person discloses to the patient the person's qualifications, proof of licensure and contact information.
- Sec. 37. 32 MRSA §13868, sub-§1, ¶A-1 is enacted to read:
- A-1. "Primary care provider" means a physician licensed under chapter 46 or 48, advanced practice registered nurse approved pursuant to section 2201-A or physician assistant licensed under section 2594-E or 3270-E who provides preventive care services to a patient and coordinates and oversees a patient's access to health care services, including specialty health care services.
 - Sec. 38. 32 MRSA §13868, sub-§2-A is enacted to read:
- 2-A. Telehealth services upon referral of primary care provider; person not licensed in this State. Notwithstanding any provision of this section or any other provision of law to the contrary, a person not licensed under this chapter may provide telehealth services to a patient located in this State if:

- A. The patient has received a referral from a primary care provider licensed in this

 State and the primary care provider has obtained and documented the patient's written informed consent to receive telehealth services;
 - B. The person is fully licensed without restriction in the state from which the person provides telehealth services, including any licensing or certification requirements to provide telehealth services in that state;
- 7 C. The person has not had a license revoked or restricted in any state or jurisdiction;
- D. The person complies with the provisions of this section regarding telehealth services and any rules adopted pursuant to this section in the same manner as a person licensed under this chapter; and
- E. Prior to the provision of telehealth services, the person discloses to the patient the person's qualifications, proof of licensure and contact information.
 - Sec. 39. 32 MRSA §14363, sub-§1, ¶A-1 is enacted to read:

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- A-1. "Primary care provider" means a physician licensed under chapter 46 or 48, advanced practice registered nurse approved pursuant to section 2201-A or physician assistant licensed under section 2594-E or 3270-E who provides preventive care services to a patient and coordinates and oversees a patient's access to health care services, including specialty health care services.
 - Sec. 40. 32 MRSA §14363, sub-§2-A is enacted to read:
- 2-A. Telehealth services upon referral of primary care provider; person not licensed in this State. Notwithstanding any provision of this section or any other provision of law to the contrary, a person not licensed under this chapter may provide telehealth services to a patient located in this State if:
 - A. The patient has received a referral from a primary care provider licensed in this State and the primary care provider has obtained and documented the patient's written informed consent to receive telehealth services;
 - B. The person is fully licensed without restriction in the state from which the person provides telehealth services, including any licensing or certification requirements to provide telehealth services in that state;
- C. The person has not had a license revoked or restricted in any state or jurisdiction;
- D. The person complies with the provisions of this section regarding telehealth services and any rules adopted pursuant to this section in the same manner as a person licensed under this chapter; and
- E. Prior to the provision of telehealth services, the person discloses to the patient the person's qualifications, proof of licensure and contact information.
- 36 **Sec. 41. 32 MRSA §17401, sub-§1-A** is enacted to read:
- 1-A. Primary care provider. "Primary care provider" means a physician licensed under chapter 46 or 48, advanced practice registered nurse approved pursuant to section 2201-A or physician assistant licensed under section 2594-E or 3270-E who provides preventive care services to a patient and coordinates and oversees a patient's access to health care services, including specialty health care services.

Sec. 42. 32 MRSA §17402, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 291, Pt. B, §22, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§17402. Telehealth services permitted

- 1. Persons licensed in this State; telehealth services permitted. A person licensed under this chapter may provide telehealth services as long as the licensee acts within the scope of practice of the licensee's license, in accordance with any requirements and restrictions imposed by this subchapter and in accordance with standards of practice.
- 2. Telehealth services upon referral of primary care provider; person not licensed in this State. Notwithstanding any provision of this section or any other provision of law to the contrary, a person not licensed under this chapter may provide telehealth services to a patient located in this State if:
 - A. The patient has received a referral from a primary care provider licensed in this State and the primary care provider has obtained and documented the patient's written informed consent to receive telehealth services;
 - B. The person is fully licensed without restriction in the state from which the person provides telehealth services, including any licensing or certification requirements to provide telehealth services in that state;
 - C. The person has not had a license revoked or restricted in any state or jurisdiction;
 - D. The person complies with the provisions of this section regarding telehealth services and any rules adopted pursuant to this section in the same manner as a person licensed under this chapter; and
- E. Prior to the provision of telehealth services, the person discloses to the patient the person's qualifications, proof of licensure and contact information.
 - Sec. 43. 32 MRSA §19601, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:
- 1-A. Primary care provider. "Primary care provider" means a physician licensed under chapter 46 or 48, advanced practice registered nurse approved pursuant to section 2201-A or physician assistant licensed under section 2594-E or 3270-E who provides preventive care services to a patient and coordinates and oversees a patient's access to health care services, including specialty health care services.
- Sec. 44. 32 MRSA §19602, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 580, §8, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§19602. Telehealth services permitted

- 1. Persons licensed in this State; telehealth services permitted. A person licensed under this chapter may provide telehealth services as long as the licensee acts within the scope of practice of the licensee's license, in accordance with any requirements and restrictions imposed by this subchapter and in accordance with standards of practice.
- 2. Telehealth services upon referral of primary care provider; person not licensed in this State. Notwithstanding any provision of this section or any other provision of law to the contrary, a person not licensed under this chapter may provide telehealth services to a patient located in this State if:

- A. The patient has received a referral from a primary care provider licensed in this

 State and the primary care provider has obtained and documented the patient's written informed consent to receive telehealth services;

 B. The person is fully licensed without restriction in the state from which the person provides telehealth services, including any licensing or certification requirements to provide telehealth services in that state;

 C. The person has not had a license revoked or restricted in any state or jurisdiction;
 - D. The person complies with the provisions of this section regarding telehealth services and any rules adopted pursuant to this section in the same manner as a person

licensed under this chapter; and

E. Prior to the provision of telehealth services, the person discloses to the patient the person's qualifications, proof of licensure and contact information.

13 SUMMARY

This bill permits health care providers licensed in another state to provide telehealth services to a patient in this State as long as the patient is referred for those services by a primary care provider licensed in this State and the primary care provider has obtained and documented the patient's written informed consent to receive telehealth services. The out-of-state provider must comply with the provisions of state law and rules regarding telehealth services and, prior to the provision of telehealth services, must disclose to the patient the provider's qualifications, proof of licensure and contact information.