

1.1 Senator ..... moves to amend S.F. No. 2743 as follows:

1.2 Page 1, after line 5, insert:

1.3 "Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 62A.673, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.4 Subd. 2. **Definitions.** (a) For purposes of this section, the terms defined in this subdivision  
1.5 have the meanings given.

1.6 (b) "Distant site" means a site at which a health care provider is located while providing  
1.7 health care services or consultations by means of telehealth.

1.8 (c) "Health care provider" means a health care professional who is licensed or registered  
1.9 by the state to perform health care services within the provider's scope of practice and in  
1.10 accordance with state law. A health care provider includes a mental health professional  
1.11 under section 245I.04, subdivision 2; a mental health practitioner under section 245I.04,  
1.12 subdivision 4; a clinical trainee under section 245I.04, subdivision 6; a treatment coordinator  
1.13 under section 245G.11, subdivision 7; an alcohol and drug counselor under section 245G.11,  
1.14 subdivision 5; and a recovery peer under section 245G.11, subdivision 8.

1.15 (d) "Health carrier" has the meaning given in section 62A.011, subdivision 2.

1.16 (e) "Health plan" has the meaning given in section 62A.011, subdivision 3. Health plan  
1.17 includes dental plans as defined in section 62Q.76, subdivision 3, but does not include dental  
1.18 plans that provide indemnity-based benefits, regardless of expenses incurred, and are designed  
1.19 to pay benefits directly to the policy holder.

1.20 (f) "Originating site" means a site at which a patient is located at the time health care  
1.21 services are provided to the patient by means of telehealth. For purposes of store-and-forward  
1.22 technology, the originating site also means the location at which a health care provider  
1.23 transfers or transmits information to the distant site.

1.24 (g) "Store-and-forward technology" means the asynchronous electronic transfer or  
1.25 transmission of a patient's medical information or data from an originating site to a distant  
1.26 site for the purposes of diagnostic and therapeutic assistance in the care of a patient.

1.27 (h) "Telehealth" means the delivery of health care services or consultations through the  
1.28 use of real time two-way interactive audio and visual communications to provide or support  
1.29 health care delivery and facilitate the assessment, diagnosis, consultation, treatment,  
1.30 education, and care management of a patient's health care. Telehealth includes the application  
1.31 of secure video conferencing, store-and-forward technology, and synchronous interactions  
1.32 between a patient located at an originating site and a health care provider located at a distant

2.1 site. Until July 1, ~~2025~~ 2028, telehealth also includes audio-only communication between  
2.2 a health care provider and a patient ~~in accordance with subdivision 6, paragraph (b)~~ if the  
2.3 communication is a scheduled appointment and the standard of care for that particular  
2.4 service can be met through the use of audio-only communication or if, for substance use  
2.5 disorder treatment services and mental health care services delivered through telehealth by  
2.6 means of audio-only communication, the communication was initiated by the enrollee while  
2.7 in an emergency or crisis situation and a scheduled appointment was not possible due to  
2.8 the need of an immediate response. Telehealth does not include communication between  
2.9 health care providers that consists solely of a telephone conversation, email, or facsimile  
2.10 transmission. Telehealth does not include communication between a health care provider  
2.11 and a patient that consists solely of an email or facsimile transmission. Telehealth does not  
2.12 include telemonitoring services as defined in paragraph (i).

2.13 (i) "Telemonitoring services" means the remote monitoring of clinical data related to  
2.14 the enrollee's vital signs or biometric data by a monitoring device or equipment that transmits  
2.15 the data electronically to a health care provider for analysis. Telemonitoring is intended to  
2.16 collect an enrollee's health-related data for the purpose of assisting a health care provider  
2.17 in assessing and monitoring the enrollee's medical condition or status.

2.18 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2025."

2.19 Renumber the sections in sequence and correct the internal references

2.20 Amend the title accordingly