

**ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2021**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB487**

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**Hearing Date:** Monday February 01, 2021  
**Committee On:** Banking, Commerce and Insurance  
**Introducer:** Arch  
**One Liner:** Change insurance coverage provisions for mental health conditions and serious mental illness

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**Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**

Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

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**Vote Results:**

**Aye:** 8 Senators Aguilar, Bostar, Flood, Lindstrom, McCollister, Pahls, Slama, Williams

**Nay:**

**Absent:**

**Present Not Voting:**

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**Oral Testimony:**

**Proponents:**

Senator John Arch  
Anne Buettner  
Scott Jansen  
Korby Gilbertson  
Pat Connell  
Robin Conyers  
Kaitlin Reece

**Representing:**

Introducer  
Nebraska Association of Marriage & Family Therapy  
Nebraska Psychiatric Society  
Nebraska Psychiatric Society  
Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organizations  
CHI Health  
Lutheran Family Services of Nebraska

**Opponents:**

Eric Dunning  
Robert Bell

**Representing:**

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska  
Nebraska Insurance Federation

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

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**Submitted Written Testimony:**

**Proponents:**

Katie Zulkoski  
Jeremy Nordquist  
Brennen Miller  
Andy Hale  
Matt Schaefer  
Cora Schrader  
Jason Hayes

**Representing:**

Nebraska Academy of Physician Assistants  
Nebraska Medicine  
Nebraska Association of Regional Officials  
Nebraska Hospital Association  
Nebraska Methodist Health System  
Nebraska Nurse Practitioners  
NSEA

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**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

This bill would amend section 44-793 to provide that a health insurance plan that covers treatment of mental health conditions (1) shall not establish a rate, term, or condition that places a greater financial burden on an insured for accessing treatment for a mental health condition using telehealth or telemonitoring services, and (2) shall provide, at a minimum, a reimbursement rate for accessing treatment for a mental health condition using telehealth or telemonitoring services that is the same as the rate for a comparable treatment provided or supervised in person.

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**Explanation of amendments:**

The committee amendments would provide that the bill applies to accessing treatment for a mental health condition using "telehealth" services rather than telehealth and "telemonitoring" services.

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Matt Williams, Chairperson