



# *State of Tennessee*

## **PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 201**

### **SENATE BILL NO. 721**

**By Massey, Yager, Yarbrow**

Substituted for: House Bill No. 498

By Brock Martin, Freeman, Cepicky, Hemmer, Jernigan, Helton-Haynes

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56 and Title 63, relative to telehealth.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 56-7-1003(a)(6)(A)(iii), is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision:

(c) The requirement of an in-person encounter between the healthcare services provider, the healthcare services provider's practice group, or the healthcare system and the patient within sixteen (16) months prior to the interactive visit does not apply to a patient who is receiving an initial behavioral health evaluation or assessment;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-19-107(2)(H), is amended by deleting the language "federally qualified health center as defined in § 63-10-601" and substituting "federally qualified health center as defined in § 63-10-601, or solely via telehealth as defined in § 63-1-155".

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 3, 2023

  
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RANDY McNALLY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
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CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 24<sup>th</sup> day of April 2023

  
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BILL LEE, GOVERNOR