

117TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 8229

To clarify the applicability of certain parity provisions to mental health  
and substance use disorder telehealth benefits.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 24, 2022

Ms. MANNING (for herself, Ms. MATSUI, and Mr. FITZPATRICK) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Education and Labor, and Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## A BILL

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mental health and substance use disorder telehealth benefits.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Telemental Health  
5 Parity Act of 2022”.

1 **SEC. 2. CLARIFYING THE APPLICABILITY OF CERTAIN PAR-**  
2 **ITY PROVISIONS TO MENTAL HEALTH AND**  
3 **SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER TELEHEALTH**  
4 **BENEFITS.**

5 The provisions of sections 2726 of the Public Health  
6 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300gg-26), 712 of the Employee  
7 Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (29 U.S.C.  
8 1185a), and 9812 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986  
9 shall apply to benefits for mental health or substance use  
10 disorder services furnished via telehealth in the same man-  
11 ner as such provisions apply to benefits for mental health  
12 or substance use disorder services that are furnished in-  
13 person.

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