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HOUSE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 1309, L.D. 1758, “An Act Regarding Access to Telehealth Behavioral Health Services during Public Health Emergencies”

Amend the bill in section 1 in §51 in subsection 2 in the first line (page 1, line 12 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "**Written informed**" and inserting the following: '**Informed**'

Amend the bill in section 1 in §51 in subsection 2 in the first line (page 1, line 12 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "**not required**"

Amend the bill in section 1 in §51 in subsection 2 in the last 3 lines (page 1, lines 15 to 17 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "The licensed facility may obtain consent through verbal, electronic or written means from a person receiving mental health services or substance use disorder treatment during a public health emergency." and inserting the following: 'A licensed facility shall obtain consent from a person receiving mental health services or substance use disorder treatment during a public health emergency; such consent may be obtained through verbal, electronic or written means.'

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

This amendment clarifies that a licensed facility is required to obtain consent and allows that consent to be obtained through verbal, electronic or written means.

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HOUSE AMENDMENT