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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 1660

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 1660 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Illinois Public Aid Code is amended by
5 adding Section 5-5.25 as follows:

6 (305 ILCS 5/5-5.25 new)

7 Sec. 5-5.25. Access to mental health services. The General
8 Assembly finds that providing access to mental health services
9 in a timely manner will improve the quality of life for persons
10 suffering from mental illness and will contain health care
11 costs by avoiding the need for more costly inpatient
12 hospitalization. The Illinois Department shall reimburse
13 advanced practice nurses who have a collaborative agreement
14 with a collaborating physician specializing in psychiatry that
15 authorizes the provision of mental health services for mental
16 health services they provide, as authorized by Illinois law, to
17 recipients. The Illinois Department, by rule, shall develop a
18 method to reimburse providers for mental health services
19 provided by telemedicine. The reimbursement methodology for
20 mental health services provided by telemedicine shall be
21 comparable to the reimbursement methodology used by the
22 Illinois Department for other services provided by
23 telemedicine.

1 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
2 becoming law.".