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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to Medicaid modernization; amending s.  
3           409.906, F.S.; authorizing Medicaid to reimburse for  
4           certain remote evaluation and patient monitoring  
5           services; providing an effective date.  
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7 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:  
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9           Section 1. Subsection (28) is added to section 409.906,  
10 Florida Statutes, to read:

11           409.906 Optional Medicaid services.—Subject to specific  
12 appropriations, the agency may make payments for services which  
13 are optional to the state under Title XIX of the Social Security  
14 Act and are furnished by Medicaid providers to recipients who  
15 are determined to be eligible on the dates on which the services  
16 were provided. Any optional service that is provided shall be  
17 provided only when medically necessary and in accordance with  
18 state and federal law. Optional services rendered by providers  
19 in mobile units to Medicaid recipients may be restricted or  
20 prohibited by the agency. Nothing in this section shall be  
21 construed to prevent or limit the agency from adjusting fees,  
22 reimbursement rates, lengths of stay, number of visits, or  
23 number of services, or making any other adjustments necessary to  
24 comply with the availability of moneys and any limitations or  
25 directions provided for in the General Appropriations Act or  
26 chapter 216. If necessary to safeguard the state's systems of  
27 providing services to elderly and disabled persons and subject  
28 to the notice and review provisions of s. 216.177, the Governor  
29 may direct the Agency for Health Care Administration to amend

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30 the Medicaid state plan to delete the optional Medicaid service  
31 known as "Intermediate Care Facilities for the Developmentally  
32 Disabled." Optional services may include:

33 (28) REMOTE EVALUATION AND MONITORING SERVICES.-

34 (a) The agency may pay for remote evaluation of recorded  
35 video and images, including interpretation and followup with the  
36 recipient within 24 business hours, not originating from a  
37 related evaluation and monitoring service provided within the  
38 previous 7 days or leading to an evaluation and monitoring  
39 service or a procedure within the next 24 hours or at the  
40 soonest available appointment.

41 (b) The agency may pay for remote patient monitoring  
42 services, including remote monitoring of physiologic parameters,  
43 supply of devices with daily recording or programmed alert  
44 transmission, and remote physiologic monitoring treatment  
45 management services requiring interactive communication with the  
46 recipient and provider.

47 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.