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S. 2197

To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to increase the Federal medical assistance percentage for States that provide Medicaid coverage for telehealth services.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 23, 2021

Ms. ROSEN (for herself, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. TESTER, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. LUJÁN, and Ms. MURKOWSKI) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

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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 “Rural and Frontier
5 Telehealth Expansion Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. INCREASED FMAP FOR STATES PROVIDING MED-**
 2 **ICAID COVERAGE FOR TELEHEALTH SERV-**
 3 **ICES.**

4 Section 1905(b) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
 5 1396d(b)) is amended, in the first sentence—

6 (1) by striking “and (5)” and inserting “(5)”;

7 and

8 (2) by inserting “, and (6) in the case of a fron-
 9 tier State (as defined in section
 10 1886(d)(3)(E)(iii)(II)) or a State where less than 90
 11 percent of the total population has access to fixed
 12 terrestrial broadband service with at least 25 mega-
 13 bits per second (Mbps) download speed and 3 Mbps
 14 upload speed (according to the most recently avail-
 15 able annual Broadband Deployment Report of the
 16 Federal Communications Commission) that, as de-
 17 termined by the Secretary, provides medical assist-
 18 ance for telehealth services (including audio-only
 19 telehealth services) for a majority of the services for
 20 which medical assistance is available under the State
 21 plan (or a waiver of such plan) and for which tele-
 22 health is appropriate and provides such services at
 23 a level that is not less than the level at which the
 24 State provided such services on January 1, 2021,
 25 the Federal medical assistance percentage, as deter-
 26 mined under this subsection and subsection (y), shall

- 1 be increased by 5 percentage points with respect to
- 2 medical assistance for telehealth services” before the
- 3 period.

