

S 4039

MENTAL Health for Kids and Underserved Act

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Committee Activity

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Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Apr 7, 2022

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Apr 7, 2022)

Medicaid Ensuring Necessary Telehealth is Available Long-term Health for Kids and Underserved Act or the MENTAL Health for Kids and Underserved Act

This bill requires the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to issues guidance on how states may provide behavioral health services via telehealth under Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), including for high-risk individuals and children. The CMS must also report on the impact of such telehealth services on the access, cost, and quality of behavioral health services under Medicaid and CHIP.

Actions Timeline

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