

# Commissioner of Securities and Insurance

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**TO:** Chairman Lenz and Members of the House and Human Services Committee

**FROM:** Jackie Jones, Office of Commissioner of Securities and Insurance

**DATE:** February 12, 2021

**RE:** HB 343, Teledentistry

Commissioner Downing has made the expanded coverage of telehealth one of his top priorities during the 2021 Legislative session. Our office worked with all stakeholders, including Representative Gillette, to draft HB 43. HB 43 expands the coverage of telehealth, including teledentistry, by insurers in the same manner telehealth has been covered during the COVID pandemic.

HB 43 amends Title 33 of the Montana Code, which is the section that regulates insurance plans. The changes in HB 343 occur to Title 37, which defines professional licensing standards.

While CSI does not directly get involved in practice standards of health professions, we are encouraged that Rep. Gillette will continue to coordinate with the stakeholders and our office to ensure that HB 343 will not conflict with HB 43 to expand the use of telehealth to those who need it.