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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Authorizes psychologists and medical psychologists to conduct certain examinations via telehealth.

Present law allows licensed medical physicians, certain physician assistants, psychiatric mental health nurse practitioners, nurse practitioners with the appropriate collaborative practice agreement, and psychologists to execute an emergency certificate after an actual examination of a person alleged to have a mental illness or be suffering from a substance-related or addictive disorder who is determined to be in need of immediate care.

Present law allows the actual examination of the person to be conducted by a psychiatrist or psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner via telehealth utilizing video conferencing technology under certain circumstances.

Proposed law retains present law but further allows psychologists and medical psychologists to conduct the examination via telehealth.

(Amends R.S. 28:53(B)(1))