A bill to be entitled

An act relating to telehealth practice standards; amending s. 456.47, F.S.; revising prohibition on prescribing controlled substances through telehealth; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of section 456.47, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

456.47 Use of telehealth to provide services.—

(2) PRACTICE STANDARDS.—

(c) A telehealth provider may not use telehealth to prescribe a controlled substance listed in Schedule II of section 893.03 unless the controlled substance is prescribed for the following:

1. The treatment of a psychiatric disorder;

2. Inpatient treatment at a hospital licensed under chapter 395;

3. The treatment of a patient receiving hospice services as defined in s. 400.601; or

4. The treatment of a resident of a nursing home facility as defined in s. 400.021.

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