AN ACT

To enact R.S. 22:1066.2, relative to reimbursement for mental health and substance abuse benefits provided through the psychiatric Collaborative Care Model service delivery method; to provide for definitions; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 22:1066.2 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§1066.2. Psychiatric Collaborative Care Model; service delivery method requirements

A. (1) A health coverage plan which is delivered or issued for delivery in this state that provides mental health and substance abuse benefits shall provide reimbursement for such benefits that are delivered through the psychiatric Collaborative Care Model, which includes the following current procedural terminology (CPT) billing codes established by the American Medical Association:

(a) 99492.
(b) 99493.
(c) 99494.

(2) The commissioner shall update this list of codes if there are any alterations or additions to the billing codes for the Collaborative Care Model.

B. A health coverage plan may deny reimbursement of any CPT codes listed in Subsection A of this Section on the grounds of medical necessity, provided that...
such medical necessity determinations are in compliance with the Paul Wellstone
and Pete Domenici Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008 and its
related regulations, and that such determinations are made in accordance with the
Internal Claims and Appeals Process and External Review Act, R.S. 22:2391 et seq.

C. As used in this Section:

(1) "Health coverage plan" means any hospital, health, or medical expense
insurance policy, hospital or medical service contract, employee welfare benefit plan,
contract or agreement with a health maintenance organization or a preferred provider
organization, health and accident insurance policy, or any other insurance contract
of this type, including a group insurance plan and the Office of Group Benefits
programs.

(2) "Mental health or substance abuse benefits" means benefits for the
treatment of any condition or disorder that involves a mental health condition or
substance use disorder that falls under any of the diagnostic categories listed in the
mental disorders section of the current edition of the International Classification of
Diseases or that is listed in the mental disorders section of the most recent version
of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders.

(3) "Psychiatric Collaborative Care Model" means the evidence-based,
integrated behavioral health service delivery method described in 81 FR 80230.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides requirements for the psychiatric Collaborative Care Model and requires
mental health or substance abuse benefits for services delivered through the model.

Proposed law requires a health coverage plan delivered or issued for delivery in this state
that provides mental health and substance abuse benefits to reimburse for such benefits that
are delivered through the psychiatric Collaborative Care Model. The model includes the
current procedural terminology (CPT) billing codes 99492, 99493, and 99494.

Proposed law requires the commissioner of insurance to update the CPT codes if there are
any alterations or additions to the billing codes for the Collaborative Care Model.
Proposed law authorizes a health coverage plan to deny reimbursement of any CPT code provided in proposed law on the grounds of medical necessity, provided that such medical necessity determinations are in compliance with certain federal and state law.

Proposed law defines "health coverage plan", "mental health or substance abuse benefits", and "Psychiatric Collaborative Care Model"

( Adds R.S. 22:1066.2 )