

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS**HB 278****2022 Regular Session****Echols**

INSURANCE/HEALTH: Provides requirements for the Psychiatric Collaborative Care Model

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Modifies the health insurance coverage description in proposed law to provide coverage for mental health and substance abuse services delivered through evidence-based, integrated behavioral healthcare models, such as the Psychiatric Collaborative Care Model.
2. Amends the definition of "Psychiatric Collaborative Care Model" to include descriptions of a primary care team and certain care coordination.
3. Applies proposed law to health coverage plans issued on or after Jan. 1, 2023. Further requires health coverage plans in effect prior to Jan. 1, 2023, to comply with proposed law upon renewal or by Jan. 1, 2024.
4. Deletes coverage requirements relative to Medicaid health plans.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Proposed law requires a health coverage plan delivered or issued for delivery in this state that provides mental health and substance abuse benefits to provide coverage for mental health and substance abuse services delivered through evidence-based, integrated behavioral healthcare models, such as the Psychiatric Collaborative Care Model.

Proposed law requires any medical necessity determinations made by a health coverage plan to be made in compliance with certain federal and state law (R.S. 22:2391 et seq.).

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

Proposed law applies to any new health coverage plan issued on or after Jan. 1, 2023. Further requires any health coverage plan in effect prior to Jan. 1, 2023, to convert to conform to the provisions of proposed law on or before the renewal date, but no later than Jan. 1, 2024.

(Adds R.S. 22:1066.2)