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SB 564 Engrossed

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Present law provides for licensing of behavioral health services providers by the La. Department of Health (LDH) and requires that such providers be licensed in order to receive Medicaid reimbursement. Proposed law retains present law and provides relative to specialized behavioral health services providers that furnish community psychiatric support and treatment (CPST) services or psychosocial rehabilitation (PSR) services.

Proposed law establishes requirements for provider agencies that provide CPST or PSR services as a condition of receiving Medicaid reimbursement.

Proposed law requires licensure, accreditation, holding of a National Provider Identification (NPI) number, implementation of a member choice form, and credentialing as prerequisites of a provider agency in order to be reimbursed by Medicaid. Proposed law authorizes LDH to add further requirements for provider agencies that provide CPST and PSR services.

Proposed law requires individuals rendering CPST and PSR to meet certain minimum qualifications in order to be reimbursed by Medicaid. Requires providers to obtain an NPI number and hold at least a bachelor's degree to provide PSR services or CPST services. Authorizes LDH to place further requirements on such providers through rulemaking.

Proposed law requires LDH to maintain a facility need review process for behavioral health services providers that provide PSR or CPST services.

Proposed law requires behavioral health services providers that provide PSR or CPST services to employ a full-time mental health supervisor. Requires the mental health supervisor to assist in the design and evaluation of PSR or CPST services.

Proposed law requires LDH to implement a centralized credentialing verification organization certified by the National Committee for Quality Assurance.

Proposed law authorizes recoupment of Medicaid funds paid to a provider who is not in compliance with proposed law. Provides for referral of such providers to the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit of the attorney general's office for further action.

Proposed law provides for rulemaking and audits of LDH by the legislative auditor with respect to proposed law.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 40:2162)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Health and Welfare to the engrossed bill:

1. Revise the definition of "community psychiatric support and treatment services" in proposed law to delete a reference in the definition to behavioral health rehabilitation services.
2. Revise the definition of "psychosocial rehabilitation services" in proposed law to delete a reference in the definition to behavioral health rehabilitation services.

3. Define "preliminary accreditation", for purposes of proposed law, to mean accreditation granted by an accrediting body to an unaccredited program seeking full accreditation status.
4. Provide that reimbursement to behavioral health services providers that provide certain services in the Medicaid specialized behavioral health rehabilitation services program shall comply with the requirements of proposed law, subject to any required approval by the federal Medicaid agency.
5. Extend the period within which proposed law requires certain behavioral health services providers to attain full accreditation from 12 months to 18 months.
6. Delete provision of psychosocial rehabilitation (PSR) services on a full-time basis for a licensed and accredited provider agency on or before June 30, 2016, as a qualification for PSR providers without the degree required by proposed law to continue providing PSR services.
7. Change the minimum degree required by proposed law for provision of community psychiatric support and treatment services on and after July 1, 2018, from a master's degree to a bachelor's degree.
8. Stipulate that no facility need review approval for a license to provide psychosocial rehabilitation services or community psychiatric support and treatment services shall be granted to any applicant unless the La. Department of Health determines that the evidence and data submitted by the applicant establishes the probability of serious, adverse consequences to recipients' ability to access services if the provider is not allowed to seek licensure.
9. Make technical changes.