

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 419

BY REPRESENTATIVE TRAVIS JOHNSON

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

MEDICAID: Provides relative to Medicaid coverage for the Psychiatric Collaborative Care Model

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 40:1259.1, relative to Medicaid coverage for mental health and substance  
3 abuse services; to provide for definitions; to provide for insurance coverage for  
4 Medicaid recipients via the Psychiatric Collaborative Care Model; and to provide for  
5 related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 40:1259.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §1259.1. Psychiatric Collaborative Care Model; Medicaid coverage; service  
9 delivery method requirements

10 A. The state Medicaid program shall provide coverage for mental health and  
11 substance abuse services that are delivered through evidence-based, integrated  
12 behavioral healthcare models, such as the Psychiatric Collaborative Care Model.

13 B.(1) Any medical necessity determination made for a recipient of Medicaid  
14 services shall be in compliance with the provisions set forth in the Medicaid  
15 program, as provided for in Title XIX of the Social Security Act, the Mental Health  
16 Parity and Addiction Equity Act, and in accordance with the rules promulgated by  
17 the Louisiana Department of Health.

18 (2) The Louisiana Department of Health shall promulgate rules, in  
19 accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, as needed to comply with the  
20 requirements set forth in this Section.

1           C. As used in this Section, the following terms have the meanings ascribed  
2           to them:

3           (1) "Medicaid" means the medical assistance program provided for in Title  
4           XIX of the Social Security Act.

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

11          (3) "Psychiatric Collaborative Care Model" means the evidence-based,  
12          integrated behavioral health service delivery method that is typically provided by a  
13          primary care team consisting of a primary care provider and a care manager who  
14          works in collaboration with a psychiatric consultant, such as a psychiatrist. Care is  
15          directed by the primary care team and includes structured care management with  
16          regular assessments of clinical status using validated tools and modification of  
17          treatment as appropriate. The psychiatric consultant provides regular consultations  
18          to the primary care team to review the clinical status and care of patients and to make  
19          recommendations.

20          Section 2.(A) The provisions of Section 1 of this Act shall become effective when  
21          an Act of the Louisiana Legislature containing a specific appropriation of monies for the  
22          implementation of the provisions of this Act becomes effective.

23          (B) The provisions of this Section become effective upon signature of the governor  
24          or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without  
25          signature by the governor, as provided in Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of  
26          Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, the  
27          provisions of this Section shall become effective on the day following such approval.

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DIGEST

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HB 419 Reengrossed

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**Abstract:** Provides Medicaid coverage for mental health and substance abuse services via the Psychiatric Collaborative Care Model.

Proposed law requires Medicaid 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 for a recipient of Medicaid services to comply with the provisions set forth in present law and the rules promulgated by the La. Dept. of Health.

Proposed law defines "Medicaid", "mental health or substance abuse services", and "Psychiatric Collaborative Care Model".

Effective when an Act of the Louisiana Legislature containing a specific appropriation of monies for the implementation of the provisions of the proposed law becomes effective.

(Adds R.S. 40:1259.1)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Make technical corrections.

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Appropriations to the engrossed bill:

1. Provide the bill becomes effective when an Act of the legislature containing a specific appropriation of monies for the implementation of proposed law becomes effective.