
HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

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Amendments proposed by House Committee on Health and Welfare to Original House Bill No. 307 by Representative Jackson

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 3, after "for" and before "services" insert "inpatient behavioral health"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 4, after "necessity;" and before "and to" insert "to provide for exclusions; to require the opportunity for voluntary admission; to require evaluation within twenty-four hours of arrival at an admitting facility; to provide for definitions;"

AMENDMENT NO. 3On page 1, line 9, change "P." to "P.(1)"AMENDMENT NO. 4On page 1, delete line 10 in its entirety and insert in lieu thereof "payment for inpatient behavioral health services provided to a person while admitted and detained in a facility that provides mental health services under an"AMENDMENT NO. 5On page 1, at the end of line 18, after "necessity" delete the period "." and insert the following:"if all of the following conditions are met:(a) Claims for payment of services issued in accordance with this Subsection shall be limited to behavioral health expenditures and shall exclude payment for non-behavioral health services or other medical expenses not directly related to the provision of behavioral health care, treatment, or services with the exception of usual and customary laboratory services necessary to monitor patient progress.(b) The admitting physician and the evaluating psychiatrist or medical psychologist shall offer the subject of the emergency certificate the opportunity for voluntary admission pursuant to R.S. 28:53.(c) Any patient committed under an emergency certificate to inpatient treatment by a facility that provides mental health services shall be evaluated by a psychiatrist or medical psychologist in the admitting facility within twenty-four hours of arrival at the admitting facility. After the psychiatric evaluation, payment of claims shall be determined by medical necessity. For purposes of this Subsection, "admitting facility" means a crisis receiving center, acute treatment hospital or facility, distinct part psychiatric unit, or free-standing psychiatric hospital or facility.(2) Nothing in this Subsection shall be construed or interpreted to require payment of claims in a manner other than in accordance with the terms and conditions of the health insurance contract."