

House File 2543

S-5145

1 Amend House File 2543, as passed by the House, as follows:

2 1. By striking everything after the enacting clause and  
3 inserting:

4 <Section 1. Section 135G.1, subsection 12, paragraph c,  
5 Code 2026, is amended by striking the paragraph.

6 Sec. 2. Section 135G.3, Code 2026, is amended by adding the  
7 following new subsection:

8 NEW SUBSECTION. 1A. Within twenty-four hours of a  
9 resident's admission to a subacute care facility, the subacute  
10 care facility shall develop an initial treatment plan with the  
11 resident.

12 Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. 135G.3A Insurance authorization.

13 1. If a mental health professional submits an electronic  
14 request through an internet portal designated by the department  
15 of health and human services for prior authorization for  
16 insurance coverage for an individual's subacute mental health  
17 care service under chapter 249A or chapter 249N, the department  
18 of health and human services or the managed care organization  
19 responsible for administering the individual's medical  
20 assistance shall provide a determination to the mental health  
21 professional for the preauthorization request as follows:

22 a. Within forty-eight hours after the date of receipt of an  
23 urgent preauthorization request.

24 b. Within five calendar days after the date of receipt of a  
25 nonurgent preauthorization request.

26 c. Within ten calendar days after the date of receipt of a  
27 nonurgent preauthorization request involving complex or unique  
28 circumstances.

29 2. The director of health and human services shall adopt  
30 rules pursuant to chapter 17A as necessary to administer this  
31 section.

32 Sec. 4. NEW SECTION. 135H.9A Bed tracking system.

33 The department of health and human services shall establish  
34 an electronic system to track the availability of beds at each  
35 psychiatric medical institution for children.

1     Sec. 5. DEPARTMENTS OF INSPECTIONS, APPEALS, AND LICENSING  
2 AND HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES — ADMINISTRATIVE RULE

3 REVIEW. The department of inspections, appeals, and licensing  
4 and the department of health and human services shall do all  
5 of the following:

6     1. Collaborate to review each department's administrative  
7 rules adopted pursuant to section 135G.10 and eliminate any  
8 rule the departments determine impedes any of the following  
9 goals without providing an equal or greater benefit:

10    a. Establishment of new subacute mental health care  
11 facilities and services.

12    b. Expansion of existing subacute mental health care  
13 facilities and services.

14    c. Ease of access to subacute mental health care facilities  
15 and services.

16    2. Modify the departments' respective rules so that the  
17 requirements to employ an individual at a subacute mental  
18 health care facility are less stringent than the requirements  
19 for the same employment at a state mental health institute.

20     Sec. 6. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES — SUBACUTE  
21 MENTAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES.

22     1. a. The department of health and human services shall  
23 review the state's capability to establish subacute mental  
24 health care services, and additional psychiatric inpatient  
25 services at the state mental health institute at Independence,  
26 beginning on July 1, 2027.

27     b. At a minimum, the department's review shall assess  
28 the operational costs, bed capacity, staffing capabilities,  
29 necessary infrastructure improvements, and reasonable  
30 implementation time frames.

31     c. The department's review shall investigate the  
32 possibility of partnering with private operators to provide  
33 subacute mental health care services at the state mental health  
34 institute at Independence.

35     d. The department shall submit a report on the department's

1 findings to the chairpersons of the house of representatives  
2 committee on health and human services, the senate committee  
3 on health and human services, the house committee on  
4 appropriations, and the senate committee on appropriations no  
5 later than January 4, 2027.

6 2. Following the review under subsection 1, if the director  
7 of health and human services determines on or after July  
8 1, 2026, that the department can provide subacute mental  
9 health care services at the state mental health institute at  
10 Independence within the department's budget, the department  
11 may provide such services until the general assembly directs  
12 otherwise.

13 Sec. 7. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of immediate  
14 importance, takes effect upon enactment.>

15 2. Title page, by striking lines 1 through 8 and inserting  
16 <An Act relating to subacute mental health care facilities and  
17 services, and including effective date provisions.>

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