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April 7, 2011

The Honorable Matthew Schultz
Secretary of State of Iowa
State Capitol Building
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

I hereby transmit:

Senate File 233, an Act relating to payment for behavioral health services provided by licensed mental health counselors and certified alcohol and drug counselors under the Medicaid program.

The above Senate File is hereby approved this date.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Terry E. Branstad".

Terry E. Branstad
Governor

cc: Secretary of the Senate
Clerk of the House



Senate File 233

AN ACT

RELATING TO PAYMENT FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES PROVIDED BY LICENSED MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELORS AND CERTIFIED ALCOHOL AND DRUG COUNSELORS UNDER THE MEDICAID PROGRAM.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. Section 249A.15A, Code 2011, is amended to read as follows:

249A.15A Licensed marital and family therapists and, licensed master social workers, licensed mental health counselors, and certified alcohol and drug counselors.

1. The department shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A entitling marital and family therapists who are licensed pursuant to chapter 154D to payment for behavioral health services provided to recipients of medical assistance, subject to limitations and exclusions the department finds necessary on the basis of federal laws and regulations.

2. The department shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A entitling master social workers who hold a master's degree approved by the board of social work, are licensed as a master social worker pursuant to section 154C.3, subsection 1, paragraph "b", and provide treatment services under the supervision of an independent social worker licensed pursuant to section 154C.3, subsection 1, paragraph "c", to payment for behavioral health services provided to recipients of medical assistance, subject to limitations and exclusions the department finds necessary on the basis of federal laws and regulations.

3. The department shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A entitling mental health counselors who are licensed pursuant to chapter 154D to payment for behavioral health services provided

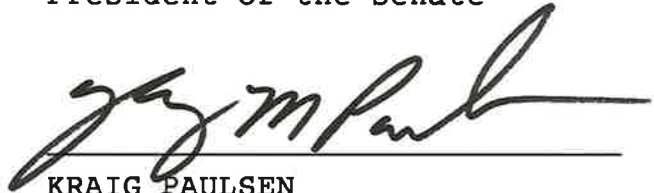
to recipients of medical assistance, subject to limitations and exclusions the department finds necessary on the basis of federal laws and regulations.

4. The department shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A entitling alcohol and drug counselors who are certified by the nongovernmental Iowa board of substance abuse certification to payment for behavioral health services provided to recipients of medical assistance, subject to limitations and exclusions the department finds necessary on the basis of federal laws and regulations.

Sec. 2. MEDICAL ASSISTANCE STATE PLAN — MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELORS. The department of human services shall amend the medical assistance state plan to allow mental health counselors licensed in the state and alcohol and drug counselors certified in the state to be participating behavioral health providers under the medical assistance program.



JOHN P. KIBBIE
President of the Senate



KRAIG PAULSEN
Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the Senate and is known as Senate File 233, Eighty-fourth General Assembly.



MICHAEL E. MARSHALL
Secretary of the Senate

Approved April 7, 2011



TERRY E. BRANSTAD
Governor