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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to coverage for mental health services provided  
2 to state employees and including an applicability provision.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 509A.6A MENTAL HEALTH COVERAGE  
2 FOR STATE EMPLOYEES.

3 1. A state health or medical group insurance plan for  
4 state employees shall provide coverage benefits for services  
5 for clinical disorders related to mental health which shall be  
6 on terms and conditions that are no more restrictive than the  
7 terms and conditions for coverage benefits provided for other  
8 medical conditions under such plan.

9 2. For purposes of this section:

10 a. "State health or medical group insurance plan" means as  
11 defined in section 509A.13A.

12 b. "State employee" means a person who is a paid employee  
13 of the state of Iowa, including a paid employee of the state  
14 board of regents.

15 Sec. 2. APPLICABILITY. This Act applies to a state health  
16 or medical group insurance plan provided on or after the  
17 effective date of this Act. This Act applies to an existing  
18 state health or medical group insurance plan at the time such  
19 plan is first renewed or renegotiated on or after the  
20 effective date of this Act.

21 EXPLANATION

22 This bill creates new Code section 509A.6A and provides  
23 that a state health or medical group insurance plan for state  
24 employees must provide coverage benefits for services for  
25 clinical disorders related to mental health which are to be on  
26 terms and conditions which are no more restrictive than the  
27 terms and conditions associated with coverage benefits  
28 provided for other conditions under such plan.

29 The bill is applicable to a state health or medical group  
30 insurance plan provided on or after the bill's effective date,  
31 or to an existing state health or medical group insurance plan  
32 at the time such plan is first renewed or renegotiated on or  
33 after the bill's effective date.

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