

Senate Study Bill 3191

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HUMAN RESOURCES BILL BY
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the inclusion of licensed marital and family
2 therapists as behavioral health participating providers under
3 the medical assistance program.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
5 TLSB 6419XC 82
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1 1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 249A.15A LICENSED MARITAL AND
1 2 FAMILY THERAPISTS.
1 3 The department shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A
1 4 entitling marital and family therapists who are licensed
1 5 pursuant to chapter 154D to payment for behavioral health
1 6 services provided to recipients of medical assistance, subject
1 7 to limitations and exclusions the department finds necessary
1 8 on the basis of federal laws and regulations.
1 9 Sec. 2. MEDICAID STATE PLAN == MARITAL AND FAMILY
1 10 THERAPISTS. The department of human services shall amend the
1 11 medical assistance state plan to allow marital and family
1 12 therapists licensed in the state to be participating
1 13 behavioral health providers under the medical assistance
1 14 program.

EXPLANATION

1 15 This bill directs the department of human services to adopt
1 16 rules entitling marital and family therapists licensed in the
1 17 state to payment for behavioral health services provided to
1 18 recipients of medical assistance, subject to any limitations
1 19 and exclusions based on federal law and regulation. The bill
1 20 also directs the department to amend the medical assistance
1 21 state plan to allow marital and family therapists licensed in
1 22 the state to be behavioral health participating providers
1 23 under the medical assistance program.
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