

House File 265 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring health insurance coverage of certain services
2 provided by licensed marital and family therapists and
3 mental health counselors and including applicability
4 provisions.

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

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 514C.29 Coverage of services
2 provided by marital and family therapists and mental health
3 counselors.

4 1. Notwithstanding the uniformity of treatment requirements
5 of section 514C.6, a policy or contract, or plan established
6 pursuant to chapter 509A, providing for third-party payment
7 or prepayment of health or medical expenses that provides
8 reimbursement for any mental or behavioral health service
9 which is in the lawful scope of practice of a marital and
10 family therapist or mental health counselor who is licensed
11 pursuant to chapter 154D, shall provide reimbursement on an
12 equitable basis to the marital and family therapist or mental
13 health counselor for the provision of that service at a rate
14 commensurate with the requirements of licensure of that person.

15 2. This section shall not apply to accident-only,
16 specified disease, short-term hospital or medical, hospital
17 confinement indemnity, credit, dental, vision, Medicare
18 supplement, long-term care, basic hospital and medical-surgical
19 expense coverage as defined by the commissioner, disability
20 income insurance coverage, coverage issued as a supplement
21 to liability insurance, workers' compensation or similar
22 insurance, or automobile medical payment insurance.

23 Sec. 2. APPLICABILITY. This Act applies to a third-party
24 payment provider policy or contract, or plan established
25 pursuant to chapter 509A, that is delivered, issued for
26 delivery, continued, or renewed in this state on or after
27 January 1, 2012.

28 EXPLANATION

29 This bill creates new Code section 514C.29 which requires
30 any policies, contracts, or plans established pursuant to Code
31 chapter 509A, providing for third-party payment or prepayment
32 of health or medical care expenses, that provide reimbursement
33 for any mental or behavioral health service which is in the
34 lawful scope of practice of a marital and family therapist or
35 mental health counselor licensed pursuant to Code chapter 154D,

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1 to reimburse such a therapist or counselor for the provision
2 of that service at a rate commensurate with that person's
3 requirements of licensure.

4 The bill is applicable to policies, contracts, or plans
5 delivered, issued for delivery, continued, or renewed in this
6 state on or after January 1, 2012.

7 The bill is not applicable to certain specified types of
8 insurance coverage.