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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the provision of integrated health homes  
2 for individuals with serious and persistent mental illness  
3 under Medicaid managed care, and including effective date  
4 provisions.

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

1 Section 1. MEDICAID MANAGED CARE — INTEGRATED HEALTH  
2 HOMES FOR PERSONS WITH SERIOUS AND PERSISTENT MENTAL ILLNESS  
3 (SPMI INTEGRATED HEALTH HOMES). The department of human  
4 services shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A and shall  
5 amend existing Medicaid managed care contracts to ensure that  
6 SPMI integrated health homes with a Medicaid managed care  
7 organization acting as the lead entity, are administered in  
8 a manner that reflects the criteria established for SPMI  
9 integrated health homes and that meets the specifications of  
10 the Medicaid state plan amendment (SPA), IA-16-013, including  
11 but not limited to:

12 1. The target population served by an SPMI integrated health  
13 home shall include Medicaid members with serious mental illness  
14 (SMI) or serious emotional disturbance (SED) as defined in the  
15 SPA.

16 2. Medicaid member participation in an SPMI integrated  
17 health home shall be voluntary and the state shall provide  
18 assurances that members will be provided a free choice of  
19 health home providers.

20 3. An SPMI integrated health home shall be accredited  
21 as a community mental health center; a mental health service  
22 provider; a residential, licensed group care setting; or a  
23 psychiatric medical institution for children (PMIC); or shall  
24 meet national accreditation standards that apply to mental  
25 health rehabilitative services. An SPMI integrated health home  
26 shall also demonstrate the provision of community-based mental  
27 health services to the target population.

28 4. An SPMI integrated health home shall consist of a  
29 team-based model that provides a single point of whole-person,  
30 patient-centered, comprehensive, accessible, coordinated care  
31 across the spectrum of medical, behavioral, and social service  
32 needs, conditions, and aspects of a member's life, and shall  
33 provide for transitions of care the member may experience.  
34 An SPMI integrated health home team of professionals  
35 shall include, at a minimum, a nurse care manager, a care

1 coordinator, and either a peer support specialist or a family  
2 support specialist, depending upon the population served. The  
3 SPMI integrated health home care coordinator, as an integral  
4 component of the team, shall be embedded within the construct  
5 of such team, and shall not be provided through external,  
6 supplementary sources, to ensure that a member maintains the  
7 member's best possible health by accessing and utilizing  
8 services and supports at home and in community settings where  
9 the member lives, works, and socializes.

10 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of immediate  
11 importance, takes effect upon enactment.

12 EXPLANATION

13 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
14 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

15 This bill directs the department of human services (DHS) to  
16 adopt rules pursuant to Code chapter 17A and amend existing  
17 Medicaid managed care contracts to ensure that integrated  
18 health homes for individuals with serious and persistent mental  
19 illness (SPMI integrated health homes) which have a Medicaid  
20 managed care organization acting as the lead entity, are  
21 provided in a manner that reflects the criteria established  
22 for SPMI integrated health homes by DHS and that meet the  
23 specifications of the Medicaid state plan amendment. The bill  
24 specifies that these criteria and specifications include:  
25 the target population served includes Medicaid members with  
26 serious mental illness (SMI) or serious emotional disturbance  
27 (SED); Medicaid member participation is voluntary and the  
28 state provides assurances that members will be provided a free  
29 choice of health home providers; an SPMI integrated health  
30 home is accredited as a certain type of provider or meets  
31 certain national accreditation standards, and demonstrates  
32 the provision of community-based mental health services  
33 to the target population; the SPMI integrated health home  
34 is a team-based model consisting of, at a minimum, a nurse  
35 care manager, a care coordinator, and either a peer support

1 specialist or a family support specialist, depending upon the  
2 population served; and the SPMI integrated health home care  
3 coordinator, as an integral component of the team, shall be  
4 embedded within the construct of such team, and shall not be  
5 provided through external, supplementary sources, to ensure  
6 that a member maintains the member's best possible health by  
7 accessing and utilizing services and supports at home and  
8 in community settings where the member lives, works, and  
9 socializes.

10 The bill takes effect upon enactment.