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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to third-party payment of coverage benefits for
2 mental health and disability regional core services.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 514C.35 Coverage for mental health
2 and disability regional core services.

3 1. Notwithstanding the uniformity of treatment requirements
4 of section 514C.6, a policy, contract, or plan providing for
5 third-party payment or prepayment of health or medical expenses
6 shall provide coverage benefits for medically necessary mental
7 health and disability regional core services pursuant to
8 section 331.397.

9 2. The coverage benefits provided pursuant to subsection 1
10 shall be based on rates, terms, and conditions that are no more
11 restrictive than the rates, terms, and conditions for coverage
12 benefits provided for other health or medical conditions under
13 the policy, contract, or plan. In addition, any rates, terms,
14 and conditions involving deductibles, copayments, coinsurance,
15 and any other cost-sharing requirements shall be cumulative
16 for coverage of both the mental health and disability regional
17 core services and other health or medical conditions under the
18 policy, contract, or plan.

19 3. This section applies to the following classes of
20 third-party payment provider policies, contracts, or plans
21 delivered, issued for delivery, continued, or renewed in this
22 state on or after January 1, 2020:

23 a. Individual or group accident and sickness insurance
24 providing coverage on an expense-incurred basis.

25 b. An individual or group hospital or medical service
26 contract issued pursuant to chapter 509, 514, or 514A.

27 c. An individual or group health maintenance organization
28 contract regulated under chapter 514B.

29 d. A plan established pursuant to chapter 509A for public
30 employees.

31 4. This section shall not apply to accident-only,
32 specified disease, short-term hospital or medical, hospital
33 confinement indemnity, credit, dental, vision, Medicare
34 supplement, long-term care, basic hospital and medical-surgical
35 expense coverage as defined by the commissioner, disability

1 income insurance coverage, coverage issued as a supplement
2 to liability insurance, workers' compensation or similar
3 insurance, or automobile medical payment insurance.

4 5. The commissioner of insurance shall adopt rules pursuant
5 to chapter 17A as necessary to administer this section.

6 EXPLANATION

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

9 This bill relates to third-party payment of coverage
10 benefits for mental health and disability regional core
11 services.

12 The bill requires a policy, contract, or plan providing for
13 third-party payment or prepayment of health or medical expenses
14 to provide coverage benefits for medically necessary mental
15 health and disability regional core services pursuant to Code
16 section 331.397.

17 The coverage benefits must be based on rates, terms, and
18 conditions that are no more restrictive than those for coverage
19 benefits provided for other health or medical conditions under
20 the policy, contract, or plan. Any deductibles, copayments,
21 coinsurance, and any other cost-sharing requirements shall
22 be cumulative for coverage of both the mental health and
23 disability regional core services and other health or medical
24 conditions under the policy, contract, or plan.

25 The bill is applicable to third-party payment provider
26 policies, contracts, or plans delivered, issued for delivery,
27 continued, or renewed in this state on or after January 1,
28 2020, including individual or group accident and sickness
29 insurance providing coverage on an expense-incurred basis, an
30 individual or group hospital or medical service contract issued
31 pursuant to Code chapter 509, 514, or 514A, an individual or
32 group health maintenance organization contract regulated under
33 Code chapter 514B, and a plan established pursuant to Code
34 chapter 509A for public employees.

35 The bill does not apply to accident-only, specified disease,

1 short-term hospital or medical, hospital confinement indemnity,
2 credit, dental, vision, Medicare supplement, long-term care,
3 basic hospital and medical-surgical expense coverage as defined
4 by the commissioner, disability income insurance coverage,
5 coverage issued as a supplement to liability insurance,
6 workers' compensation or similar insurance, or automobile
7 medical payment insurance.

8 The commissioner of insurance shall adopt rules as necessary
9 to administer the requirements of the bill.