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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to a Medicaid demonstration waiver to support
2 and improve the delivery of substance use disorder treatment
3 services.

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

1 Section 1. MEDICAID DEMONSTRATION WAIVER — SUBSTANCE USE
2 DISORDER TREATMENT. The department of human services shall
3 submit a Medicaid 1115 demonstration waiver application to
4 the centers for Medicare and Medicaid services of the United
5 States department of health and human services, in accordance
6 with the initiative described in state Medicaid director
7 letter #17-003 relating to strategies to address the opioid
8 epidemic, to support the delivery of a full continuum of
9 comprehensive, evidence-based substance use disorder treatment
10 services to Medicaid members in an effort to improve quality,
11 accessibility, and outcomes in the most cost-effective manner,
12 including by accessing federal financial participation for
13 clinically appropriate services otherwise approved under
14 the Iowa Medicaid state plan delivered to individuals with
15 substance use disorders in institutions for mental disease as
16 defined in 42 U.S.C. §1396d(i). The department shall provide
17 progress reports regarding the approval of the demonstration
18 waiver application to the governor and the general assembly on
19 a quarterly basis.

20 EXPLANATION

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

23 This bill requires the department of human services (DHS)
24 to submit a Medicaid 1115 demonstration waiver application to
25 the centers for Medicare and Medicaid services of the United
26 States department of health and human services, in accordance
27 with federal guidance relating to strategies to address the
28 opioid epidemic, to support the delivery of a full continuum of
29 comprehensive, evidence-based substance use disorder treatment
30 services to Medicaid members in an effort to improve quality,
31 accessibility, and outcomes in the most cost-effective manner.
32 The demonstration waiver would, in part, allow the state
33 to receive federal financial participation for clinically
34 appropriate Medicaid services delivered to individuals with
35 substance use disorders in institutions for mental disease

1 (IMD). Currently, federal financial participation is not
2 available for such services delivered in an IMD, which under
3 federal law is defined as a hospital, nursing facility, or
4 other institution of more than 16 beds, that is primarily
5 engaged in providing diagnosis, treatment, or care of persons
6 with mental diseases, including medical attention, nursing
7 care, and related services. DHS shall provide progress reports
8 regarding the approval of the demonstration waiver application
9 to the governor and the general assembly on a quarterly basis.