

House File 54 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the inpatient psychiatric bed tracking
2 system.

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

1 Section 1. DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES — INPATIENT
2 PSYCHIATRIC BED TRACKING SYSTEM. The department of human
3 services shall amend its administrative rules pursuant to
4 chapter 17A to require state mental health institutes and
5 hospitals licensed to provide inpatient psychiatric treatment
6 to provide for all of the following:

7 1. Update the inpatient psychiatric bed tracking system to
8 indicate when an inpatient psychiatric bed becomes available
9 within twenty-four hours of the bed becoming available. For
10 each bed that becomes available, the updates to the psychiatric
11 bed tracking system shall indicate all of the following:

12 a. If the bed is available for a child or an adult including
13 a geriatric adult.

14 b. If the bed is available for a person with a co-occurring
15 mental illness and substance-related disorder.

16 c. If the bed is available for a person currently under the
17 influence of drugs or alcohol.

18 d. If the bed is available for a person who is currently
19 exhibiting aggressive behavior toward the person's self or
20 others.

21 e. If the bed is available for men, women, or both.

22 2. Allow authorized users of the psychiatric bed tracking
23 system to reserve an open bed on the psychiatric bed tracking
24 system if the authorized user is attempting to admit a person
25 to a state mental health institute or a hospital and that
26 person meets all of the requirements specified in paragraph "a"
27 for the open bed. The rules shall provide that a mental health
28 institute or hospital with a reservation for an open bed must
29 admit the person for which an open bed was reserved, unless
30 the person does not meet all of the requirements specified in
31 paragraph "a" as indicated in the psychiatric bed tracking
32 system, or unless the mental health institute or hospital is
33 required to provide the open bed to another person pursuant
34 to the Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act or any other
35 similar superseding federal authority.

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EXPLANATION

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

This bill relates to the inpatient psychiatric bed tracking system.

The bill directs the department of human services to amend its administrative rules to require a hospital that has inpatient psychiatric beds to update the inpatient psychiatric bed tracking system to indicate when an inpatient psychiatric bed becomes available within 24 hours of the bed becoming available. For each bed that becomes available, the updates to the psychiatric bed tracking system must indicate the following: if the bed is available for a child or an adult including a geriatric adult; if the bed is available for a person with a co-occurring mental illness and substance-related disorder; if the bed is available for a person currently under the influence of drugs or alcohol; if the bed is available for a person who is currently exhibiting aggressive behavior toward the person's self or others; and if the bed is available to men, women, or both.

The bill requires mental health institutes and hospitals to allow authorized users of the psychiatric bed tracking system to reserve an open bed on the psychiatric bed tracking system if the authorized user is seeking to admit a person who meets all requirements specified by the mental health institute or hospital in the psychiatric bed tracking system for the open bed.

The bill requires a mental health institute or hospital with a reservation for an open bed to admit a person for which an open bed was reserved, unless that person does not meet all of the requirements specified by the mental health institute or hospital as indicated in the psychiatric bed tracking system for the open bed, or unless the mental health institute or hospital is required to provide the open bed to another person pursuant to the Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act or

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1 any other similar superseding federal authority.