HOUSE FILE 2200

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the diagnosis of an intellectual disability
2   required for the Medicaid home and community-based services
3   intellectual disability waiver.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. MEDICAID HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES
2 INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY WAIVER ELIGIBILITY —— DIAGNOSIS. The
3 department of health and human services shall amend Medicaid
4 member eligibility criteria for the home and community-based
5 services intellectual disability waiver to authorize, in
6 addition to psychologists and psychiatrists, pediatricians,
7 behavioral health providers, advanced practice registered
8 nurses, advanced registered nurse practitioners, and other
9 advanced practice providers to diagnose a person as having
10 an intellectual disability. Any authorized health provider
11 shall have the requisite knowledge, training, and expertise
12 to diagnose an intellectual disability and shall utilize an
13 evidence-based diagnosis tool approved by the department.

14   EXPLANATION

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

17 This bill relates to the diagnosis of an intellectual
18 disability for the purposes of eligibility for the Medicaid
19 home and community-based services (HCBS) intellectual
20 disability waiver. The bill requires the department of health
21 and human services (HHS) to amend Medicaid member eligibility
22 criteria for the HCBS intellectual disability waiver to
23 authorize, in addition to psychologists and psychiatrists,
24 pediatricians, behavioral health providers, advanced practice
25 registered nurses, advanced registered nurse practitioners,
26 and other advanced practice providers to diagnose a person
27 as having an intellectual disability. The authorized health
28 provider must have the requisite knowledge, training, and
29 expertise to diagnose an intellectual disability and must
30 utilize an evidence-based diagnosis tool approved by HHS.