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A BILL FOR

1 An Act directing the department of health and human services
2 to increase the number of inpatient psychiatric beds at each
3 state mental health institute.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES — STATE
2 MENTAL HEALTH INSTITUTE INPATIENT PSYCHIATRIC BEDS. By July 1,
3 2027, the department of health and human services shall, at a
4 minimum, double the number of inpatient psychiatric beds based on
5 the number of inpatient psychiatric beds that were at each state
6 mental health institute on June 30, 2025. No later than October
7 1, 2026, the department of health and human services shall apply
8 to the centers for Medicare and Medicaid services of the United
9 States department of health and human services for a waiver of
10 Medicaid's institution for mental diseases exclusion.

11 EXPLANATION

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

14 This bill directs the department of health and human services
15 (HHS), by July 1, 2027, to at least double the number of
16 inpatient psychiatric beds (beds) based on the number of beds
17 that were at each state mental health institute (MHI) on June
18 30, 2025. The bill requires HHS, by October 1, 2026, to apply
19 to the centers for Medicare and Medicaid services of the United
20 States department of health and human services for a waiver of
21 Medicaid's institution for mental diseases exclusion so the state
22 may use Medicaid funds for the increase in inpatient psychiatric
23 beds.