

**House File 443 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to health insurance coverage for assertive  
2 community treatment services.

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

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. **514C.37 Assertive community**  
2 **treatment services — coverage.**

3 1. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise  
4 requires:

5 a. "Covered person" means a policyholder, subscriber,  
6 enrollee, or other individual participating in a health benefit  
7 plan.

8 b. "Dependent" means a dependent of a covered person.

9 c. "Health benefit plan" means the same as defined in section  
10 510B.1.

11 2. Notwithstanding the uniformity of treatment requirements  
12 of section 514C.6, a health benefit plan shall provide coverage  
13 for assertive community treatment services for a dependent who  
14 receives assertive community treatment services from an assertive  
15 community treatment provider that is enrolled in, and in good  
16 standing with, the medical assistance program under chapter 249A.

17 3. a. This section applies to the following classes of  
18 third-party payment provider contracts, policies, or plans  
19 delivered, issued for delivery, continued, or renewed in this  
20 state on or after January 1, 2026:

21 (1) Individual or group accident and sickness insurance  
22 providing coverage on an expense-incurred basis.

23 (2) An individual or group hospital or medical service  
24 contract issued pursuant to chapter 509, 514, or 514A.

25 (3) An individual or group health maintenance organization  
26 contract regulated under chapter 514B.

27 (4) A plan established for public employees pursuant to  
28 chapter 509A.

29 b. This section shall not apply to accident-only, specified  
30 disease, short-term hospital or medical, hospital confinement  
31 indemnity, credit, dental, vision, Medicare supplement, long-term  
32 care, basic hospital and medical-surgical expense coverage as  
33 defined by the commissioner of insurance, disability income  
34 insurance coverage, coverage issued as a supplement to liability  
35 insurance, workers' compensation or similar insurance, or

1 automobile medical payment insurance.

2 4. The commissioner of insurance may adopt rules pursuant to  
3 chapter 17A to administer this section.

4 EXPLANATION

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

7 This bill relates to insurance coverage for assertive  
8 community treatment services.

9 The bill requires a health benefit plan to provide coverage  
10 for assertive community treatment services for a dependent, as  
11 defined in the bill, who receives services from an assertive  
12 community treatment provider that is enrolled in, and in good  
13 standing with, the medical assistance program under Code chapter  
14 249A.

15 The bill applies to third-party payment providers enumerated  
16 in the bill. The bill specifies the types of specialized  
17 health-related insurance which are not subject to the bill.

18 The commissioner of insurance may adopt rules to administer  
19 the bill.