

HB 3091 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Monnes Anderson

Senate Committee On Human Services

Action Date: 05/17/17

Action: Do pass the A-Eng bill.

Vote: 5-0-0-0

Yeas: 5 - Dembrow, Gelser, Knopp, Monnes Anderson, Olsen

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires coordinated care organization (CCO) to provide specified behavioral health services. Adds “behavioral health crisis” to list of emergency medical conditions and “behavioral health assessment” to list of emergency services. Requires CCOs and commercial health insurers to provide specified services to individuals experiencing behavioral health crises. Defines terms.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Behavioral health parity with medical health
- Relation to federal health requirements on behavioral health parity
- Maintaining coverage for patients moving to lower level of care
- Work by stakeholders on the measure

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

In 2015, the Legislative Assembly enacted House Bill 2023, which directed hospitals to adopt and enforce discharge policies for individuals admitted for mental health treatment. Additionally, the measure specified that such policies include a disclosure authorization signed by the patient and assessments of suicide risk, long-term needs, needed community services, and the patient’s capacity for self-care, along with a process to coordinate the patient’s care and transition from inpatient to outpatient treatment and a follow-up appointment no later than seven days after discharge.

House Bill 3091-A requires coordinated care organizations (CCOs) to provide and prioritize specified behavioral health services for members, including “behavioral health assessments” and medically necessary treatments to members in “behavioral health crisis.” It adds “behavioral health clinicians” to the list of funded “health services,” “behavioral health crisis” to the list of emergency medical conditions, and “behavioral health assessment” to the list of emergency services. The measure also requires group health insurance policies to include behavioral health assessments and related treatment.