



Behavioral Health Provisions

-1 amendments to House Bill 4002

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COVERAGES OF SUD MEDICATIONS BY INSURERS



- Section 2 prohibits a group or individual health benefit plan from requiring prior authorization or other utilization review for covered medications for the treatment of substance use disorder (SUD)
- Section 2 also requires a group or an individual health benefit plan to cover refills of SUD medications if dispensed by a licensed health care professional who is legally authorized to dispense the medications, which, under section 7, would include pharmacists

CCO AND PUBLIC PAYER REQUIREMENTS



Section 4 requires coordinated care organizations (CCOs) to provide refills of medications for treatment of opioid use disorder and any co-occurring SUD or mental health condition

Section 5 prohibits CCOs and public payers of health insurance from requiring prior authorization for medication-assisted treatment that is reimbursed by the CCOs and the public payers



DISPENSING BY PHARMACISTS



Section 7 allows a licensed pharmacist to dispense refills of medications for the treatment of opioid use disorder under specified conditions including that the pharmacist notify the patient's primary care provider and the health care provider who last prescribed the medication



PRESCRIPTION DRUG LOCKERS



Section 8 allows a retail drug outlet to have a prescription drug locker on-site without obtaining a license or registration from the State Board of Pharmacy and without obtaining a DEA registration



DISCRIMINATION



Section 10 clarifies that a group recovery home may not discriminate against a tenant based on the tenant's involvement in medication-assisted treatment



ACCESS TO TREATMENT



Section 11 clarifies that CCOs must have adequate networks of addiction treatment providers



ADPC STUDY



Section 12 requires the Alcohol and Drug Policy Commission to:

- Conduct a study of barriers to and best practices for:
 - Youth accessing substance use disorder treatment;
 - Increasing access to MAT; and
 - Increasing the number of substance use treatment providers statewide
- Study data regarding denials of insurance claims for reimbursement of substance use disorder medications



ADPC study



Requires the commission to provide a preliminary report to the Behavioral Health Committees by September 31, 2024, and a final report by September 15, 2025, that includes;

- A strategic plan to improve the access of youth to substance use disorder treatment and a strategic plan for expanding the substance use disorder treatment workforce statewide;
- Recommendations for reducing the barriers to accessing MAT; and
- Changes needed to address obstacles to obtaining insurance reimbursement of the cost of substance use disorder medications.



Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic Program



Section 14 establishes the certified community behavioral health clinic program in OHA. CCBHCs receive a fixed cost-based rate for each patient encounter.



JOINT TASK FORCE



- Section 16 establishes the Joint Task Force on Regional Behavioral Health Accountability, staffed by LPRO, to make recommendations to the Legislative Assembly to:
 - Improve the governance of behavioral health systems; and
 - Strengthen evidence-based funding decisions by and accountability of behavioral health systems
- Requires a report to the Legislative Assembly by December 15, 2024.



Questions?



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