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By: Senators \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

By: Representatives \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**For An Act To Be Entitled**

AN ACT TO PROVIDE REIMBURSEMENT FOR MENTAL ILLNESS AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER BENEFITS THAT ARE DELIVERED THROUGH THE PSYCHIATRIC COLLABORATIVE CARE MODEL

**Subtitle**

TO PROVIDE PSYCHIATRIC COLLABORATIVE CARE MODEL SPECIFICATIONS

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

Section 1. Arkansas Code Title 23, Chapter 99, Subchapter 4 is amended to add additional sections to read as follows:

23-99-422. Mental illness or substance use disorder benefits delivered through the psychiatric Collaborative Care Model.

(a) All healthcare insurers that issue or deliver health benefit plans that provide benefits for the treatment of mental illnesses or substance use disorders shall provide reimbursement for such benefits that are delivered through the psychiatric Collaborative Care Model, which shall include the following current procedural terminology (CPT) billing codes established by the American Medical Association (AMA):

(1) 99492;

(2) 99493;

(3) 99494; and

(4) The commissioner shall update this list of codes if there are any alterations or additions to the billing codes for the Collaborative Care Model.

(b) Each healthcare insurer may deny reimbursement of any CPT code listed in this section on the grounds of medical necessity, provided that such medical necessity determinations are in compliance with the Paul Wellstone and Pete Domenici Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008 and its implementing and related regulations, and that such determinations are made in accordance with the utilization review requirements found within Subchapter 9 of Chapter 9 of Subtitle 2 of Title 20 (20-9-901 et seq.).

(c) “The Psychiatric Collaborative Care Model” means the evidence-based, integrated behavioral health service delivery method described at 81 FR 80230.

Section 2. Effective date

This act takes effect October 1, 2019.