2098 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. XXX

BY REPRESENTATIVE \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

INSURANCE/HEALTH: Provides requirements for mental health parity

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 22:1066.1, relative to insurance requirements for medications used to treat substance abuse; to establish insurance requirements for substance abuse medications.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 22:1066.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§1066.1. Parity reporting requirements

A. Each insurer or other issuer of health coverage plans that provides prescription medication benefits for the treatment of substance abuse shall comply with the following requirements:

(1) Each insurer or other issuer of health coverage plans that provides prescription medication benefits for the treatment of substance abuse shall not impose any prior authorization requirements on any prescription medication approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for the treatment of substance abuse.

(2) Each insurer or other issuer of health coverage plans that provides prescription medication benefits for the treatment of substance abuse shall not impose any step therapy requirements before the insurer will authorize coverage for a prescription medication approved by the FDA for the treatment of substance abuse.

(3) Each insurer or other issuer of health coverage plans that provides prescription medication benefits for the treatment of substance abuse shall place all prescription medications approved by the FDA for the treatment of substance abuse on the lowest tier of the drug formulary developed and maintained by the insurer.

(4) Each insurer or other issuer of health coverage plans that provides prescription medication benefits for the treatment of substance abuse shall not exclude coverage for any prescription medication approved by the FDA for the treatment of substance abuse and any associated counseling or wraparound services on the grounds that such medications and services were court ordered.