2019 SESSION

HOUSE BILL ***XXXX***

AN ACT medication-assisted treatment.

SPONSORS \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

COMMITTEE Health and Human Services

ANALYSIS

This bill specifies insurance requirements for medications to treat substance use disorder.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.

Matter removed from current law appears [in brackets and ~~struckthrough~~.]

Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in

regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Nineteen*

AN ACT relative to mental health and substance use disorder insurance coverage

*Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:*

1. Substance use disorder coverage; Amend 420-J:18 to read as follows:

420-J:18 Authorization for Medication-Assisted Treatment. – Whenever substance use disorder services are a covered benefit under a health benefit plan subject to this chapter, a health carrier ~~that has authorized or otherwise approved medication-assisted treatment for such services shall not require a renewal of such authorization more frequently than once every 12 months.~~ ***shall:***

***(a) Not impose any prior authorization requirements on any prescription medication approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for the treatment of substance use disorders.***

***(b) Not impose any step therapy requirements before the health carrier will authorize coverage for a prescription medication approved by the FDA for the treatment of substance use disorders.***

***(c) Place all prescription medications approved by the FDA for the treatment of substance use disorders on the lowest tier of the drug formulary developed and maintained by the health carrier.***

***(d) Not exclude coverage for any prescription medication approved by the FDA for the treatment of substance use disorders and any associated counseling or wraparound services on the grounds that such medications and services were court ordered.***

2. Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.