**MENTAL HEALTH PARITY AMENDMENTS**

2019 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

House Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_\_

**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill amends the insurance code to provide parity reporting and implementation requirements and specify coverage for medications used to treat substance use disorders.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

� defines terms

� specifies coverage requirements for substance use disorder medications

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Codes Affected:**

ENACTS:

31A-22-651

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

Section 1. Section 31A-22-651 is enacted to read:

**31A-22-650. Medication-assisted treatment.**

(1) As used in this section:

(a) “Prescription drug benefits for the treatment of substance use disorders” means prescription medication benefits for the treatment of any condition or disorder that involves a substance use disorder that falls under any of the diagnostic categories listed in the mental disorders section of the current edition of the International Classification of Disease or that is listed in the mental disorders section of the most recent version of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders.

(2) All insurers that offer health benefit plans in the individual or group markets that provide prescription drug benefits for the treatment of substance use disorders 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 use disorders.

(3) All insurers that offer health benefit plans in the individual or group markets that provide prescription drug benefits for the treatment of substance use disorders 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 use disorders.

(4) All insurers that offer health benefit plans in the individual or group markets that provide prescription drug benefits for the treatment of substance use disorders shall 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 insurer.

(5) All insurers that offer health benefit plans in the individual or group markets that provide prescription drug benefits for the treatment of substance use disorders shall 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.

**Legislative Review Note**

**As of x-xx-xx x:xx PM**

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