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S.B. No. 58

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the integration of behavioral health and physical health services into the Medicaid managed care program.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 533, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 533.00255 to read as follows:

Sec. 533.00255. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND PHYSICAL HEALTH SERVICES NETWORK. (a) In this section, "behavioral health services" means mental health and substance abuse disorder services, other than those provided through the NorthSTAR demonstration project.

(b) The commission shall, to the greatest extent possible, integrate into the Medicaid managed care program implemented under this chapter the following services for Medicaid-eligible persons:

(1) behavioral health services, including targeted case management and psychiatric rehabilitation services; and

(2) physical health services.

(c) A managed care organization that contracts with the commission under this chapter shall develop a network of public and private providers of behavioral health services and ensure consumers with serious mental illness have access to a comprehensive array of services.

(d) In implementing this section, the commission shall ensure that:

1 (1) an appropriate assessment tool is used to
2 authorize services;

3 (2) providers are well-qualified and able to provide
4 an appropriate array of services;

5 (3) appropriate performance and quality outcomes are
6 measured;

7 (4) two health home pilot programs are established in
8 two health service areas, representing two distinct regions of the
9 state, for persons who are diagnosed with:

10 (A) a serious mental illness; and

11 (B) at least one other chronic health condition;

12 (5) a health home established under a pilot program
13 under Subdivision (4) complies with the principles for
14 patient-centered medical homes described in Section 533.0029; and

15 (6) all behavioral health services provided under this
16 section are based on an approach to treatment where the expected
17 outcome of treatment is recovery.

18 (e) The commission and the Department of State Health
19 Services shall establish a Behavioral Health Integration Advisory
20 Committee:

21 (1) whose membership must include:

22 (A) individuals with behavioral health
23 conditions who are current or former recipients of publicly funded
24 behavioral health services; and

25 (B) representatives of managed care
26 organizations that have expertise in offering behavioral health
27 services; and

1 (2) that shall:

2 (A) meet at least quarterly to address the
3 planning and development needs of the behavioral health services
4 network established under this section;

5 (B) seek input from the behavioral health
6 community on the implementation of this section; and

7 (C) issue formal recommendations to the
8 commission regarding the implementation of this section.

9 (f) The commission shall provide administrative support to
10 facilitate the duties of the advisory committee established under
11 Subsection (e). This subsection and Subsection (e) expire
12 September 1, 2017.

13 (g) The commission shall, if the commission determines that
14 it is cost-effective and beneficial to recipients, include a peer
15 specialist as a benefit to recipients or as a provider type.

16 (h) To the extent of any conflict between this section and
17 any other law relating to behavioral health services, this section
18 prevails.

19 (i) The executive commissioner shall adopt rules necessary
20 to implement this section.

21 SECTION 2. Not later than December 1, 2013, the Health and
22 Human Services Commission shall establish the Behavioral Health
23 Integration Advisory Committee required by Section 533.00255,
24 Government Code, as added by this Act.

25 SECTION 3. Not later than September 1, 2014, the Health and
26 Human Services Commission shall complete the integration of
27 behavioral health and physical health services required by Section

1 533.00255, Government Code, as added by this Act.

2 SECTION 4. If before implementing any provision of this Act
3 a state agency determines that a waiver or authorization from a
4 federal agency is necessary for implementation of that provision,
5 the agency affected by the provision shall request the waiver or
6 authorization and may delay implementing that provision until the
7 waiver or authorization is granted.

8 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.