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H.B. No. 4393

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to health benefit coverage for chemical dependency.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1368.004, Insurance Code, is amended by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(c) A group health benefit plan shall provide coverage for an inpatient rehabilitation program for not less than 90 days to provide the necessary care and treatment of chemical dependency.

SECTION 2. Section 1368.005(b), Insurance Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) A group health benefit plan may set dollar or, subject to Section 1368.004(c), durational limits for coverage required under this chapter that are less favorable than for coverage provided for physical illness generally under the plan if those limits are sufficient to provide appropriate care and treatment under the guidelines and standards adopted under Section 1368.007. If guidelines and standards adopted under Section 1368.007 are not in effect, the dollar and durational limits may not be less favorable than for physical illness generally.

SECTION 3. This Act applies only to a health benefit plan that is delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed on or after January 1, 2020.

SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.