

P.L. 2022, CHAPTER 33, *approved June 30, 2022*
Assembly, No. 2008

1 AN ACT concerning health insurance coverage and amending
2 various parts of the statutory law.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. Section 1 of P.L.1999, c.106 (C.17:48-6v) is amended to
8 read as follows:

9 1. a. (1) Every individual and group hospital service
10 corporation contract that provides hospital or medical expense
11 benefits and is delivered, issued, executed or renewed in this State
12 pursuant to P.L.1938, c.366 (C.17:48-1 et seq.), or approved for
13 issuance or renewal in this State by the Commissioner of Banking
14 and Insurance, on or after the effective date of this act shall provide
15 coverage for mental health conditions and substance use disorders
16 under the same terms and conditions as provided for any other
17 sickness under the contract and shall meet the requirements of the
18 federal Paul Wellstone and Pete Domenici Mental Health Parity and
19 Addiction Equity Act of 2008, 42 U.S.C. s.18031(j), and any
20 amendments to, and federal guidance or regulations issued under
21 that act, including 45 C.F.R. Parts 146 and 147 and 45 C.F.R.
22 s.156.115(a)(3).

23 Coverage provided pursuant to this section shall include benefits
24 delivered through the psychiatric Collaborative Care Model.

25 (2) As used in this section:

26 "Mental health condition" means a condition defined to be
27 consistent with generally recognized independent standards of
28 current medical practice referenced in the current version of the
29 Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders.

30 "Psychiatric Collaborative Care Model" means the evidence-
31 based, integrated behavioral health service delivery method wherein
32 a primary care provider and a care manager collaborate with a
33 psychiatric consultant to provide care to a patient. "Psychiatric
34 Collaborative Care Model" shall include those benefits that are
35 billed using the following list of Current Procedural Terminology
36 (CPT) codes, which list shall be updated by the Commissioner of
37 Banking and Insurance whenever the codes are altered or
38 supplemented:

39 (a) 99492 – Initial psychiatric collaborative care management;

40 (b) 99493 – Subsequent psychiatric collaborative care
41 management; and

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is
not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 (c) 99494 – Initial or subsequent psychiatric collaborative care
2 management, additional time.

3 "Same terms and conditions" means that the hospital service
4 corporation cannot apply more restrictive non-quantitative
5 limitations, such as utilization review and other criteria or more
6 quantitative limitations such as copayments, deductibles, aggregate
7 or annual limits or benefit limits to mental health condition and
8 substance use disorder benefits than those applied to substantially
9 all other medical or surgical benefits.

10 "Substance use disorder" means a disorder defined to be
11 consistent with generally recognized independent standards of
12 current medical practice referenced in the most current version of
13 the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders.

14 b. (Deleted by amendment, P.L.2019, c.58)

15 c. The provisions of this section shall apply to all contracts in
16 which the hospital service corporation has reserved the right to
17 change the premium.

18 d. Nothing in this section shall reduce the requirement for a
19 hospital service corporation to provide benefits pursuant to section
20 1 of P.L.2017, c.28 (C.17:48-6nn).

21 (cf: P.L.2019, c.58, s.1)

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23 2. Section 2 of P.L.1999, c.106 (C.17:48A-7u) is amended to
24 read as follows:

25 2. a. (1) Every individual and group medical service
26 corporation contract that provides hospital or medical expense
27 benefits that is delivered, issued, executed or renewed in this State
28 pursuant to P.L.1940, c.74 (C.17:48A-1 et seq.), or approved for
29 issuance or renewal in this State by the Commissioner of Banking
30 and Insurance, on or after the effective date of this act shall provide
31 coverage for mental health conditions and substance use disorders
32 under the same terms and conditions as provided for any other
33 sickness under the contract and shall meet the requirements of the
34 federal Paul Wellstone and Pete Domenici Mental Health Parity and
35 Addiction Equity Act of 2008, 42 U.S.C. s.18031(j), and any
36 amendments to, and federal guidance or regulations issued under
37 that act, including 45 s.C.F.R. Parts 146 and 147 and 45 C.F.R.
38 s.156.115(a)(3).

39 Coverage provided pursuant to this section shall include benefits
40 delivered through the psychiatric Collaborative Care Model.

41 (2) As used in this section:

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43 consistent with generally recognized independent standards of
44 current medical practice referenced in the current version of the
45 Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders.

46 "Psychiatric Collaborative Care Model" means the evidence-
47 based, integrated behavioral health service delivery method wherein
48 a primary care provider and a care manager collaborate with a

1 psychiatric consultant to provide care to a patient. "Psychiatric
2 Collaborative Care Model" shall include those benefits that are
3 billed using the following list of Current Procedural Terminology
4 (CPT) codes, which list shall be updated by the Commissioner of
5 Banking and Insurance whenever the codes are altered or
6 supplemented:

7 (a) 99492 – Initial psychiatric collaborative care management;

8 (b) 99493 – Subsequent psychiatric collaborative care
9 management; and

10 (c) 99494 – Initial or subsequent psychiatric collaborative care
11 management, additional time.

12 "Same terms and conditions" means that the medical service
13 corporation cannot apply more restrictive non-quantitative
14 limitations, such as utilization review and other criteria or more
15 quantitative limitations such as copayments, deductibles, aggregate
16 or annual limits or benefit limits to mental health condition and
17 substance use disorder benefits than those applied to substantially
18 all other medical or surgical benefits.

19 "Substance use disorder" means a disorder defined to be
20 consistent with generally recognized independent standards of
21 current medical practice referenced in the most current version of
22 the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders.

23 b. (Deleted by amendment, P.L.2019, c.58)

24 c. The provisions of this section shall apply to all contracts in
25 which the medical service corporation has reserved the right to
26 change the premium.

27 d. Nothing in this section shall reduce the requirement for a
28 medical service corporation to provide benefits pursuant to section
29 2 of P.L.2017, c.28 (C.17:48A-7kk).

30 (cf: P.L.2019, c.58, s.2)

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32 3. Section 3 of P.L.1999, c.106 (C.17:48E-35.20) is amended
33 to read as follows:

34 3. a. (1) Every individual and group health service
35 corporation contract that provides hospital or medical expense
36 benefits and is delivered, issued, executed or renewed in this State
37 pursuant to P.L.1985, c.236 (C.17:48E-1 et seq.), or approved for
38 issuance or renewal in this State by the Commissioner of Banking
39 and Insurance, on or after the effective date of this act shall provide
40 coverage for mental health conditions and substance use disorders
41 under the same terms and conditions as provided for any other
42 sickness under the contract and shall meet the requirements of the
43 federal Paul Wellstone and Pete Domenici Mental Health Parity and
44 Addiction Equity Act of 2008, 42 U.S.C. s.18031(j), and any
45 amendments to, and federal guidance or regulations issued under
46 that act, including 45 C.F.R. Parts 146 and 147 and 45 C.F.R.
47 s.156.115(a)(3).

1 Coverage provided pursuant to this section shall include benefits
2 delivered through the psychiatric Collaborative Care Model.

3 (2) As used in this section:

4 "Mental health condition" means a condition defined to be
5 consistent with generally recognized independent standards of
6 current medical practice referenced in the current version of the
7 Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders.

8 "Psychiatric Collaborative Care Model" means the evidence-
9 based, integrated behavioral health service delivery method wherein
10 a primary care provider and a care manager collaborate with a
11 psychiatric consultant to provide care to a patient. "Psychiatric
12 Collaborative Care Model" shall include those benefits that are
13 billed using the following list of Current Procedural Terminology
14 (CPT) codes, which list shall be updated by the Commissioner of
15 Banking and Insurance whenever the codes are altered or
16 supplemented:

17 (a) 99492 – Initial psychiatric collaborative care management;

18 (b) 99493 – Subsequent psychiatric collaborative care
19 management; and

20 (c) 99494 – Initial or subsequent psychiatric collaborative care
21 management, additional time.

22 "Same terms and conditions" means that the health service
23 corporation cannot apply more restrictive non-quantitative
24 limitations, such as utilization review and other criteria or more
25 quantitative limitations such as copayments, deductibles, aggregate
26 or annual limits or benefit limits to mental health condition and
27 substance use disorder benefits than those applied to substantially
28 all other medical or surgical benefits.

29 "Substance use disorder" means a disorder defined to be
30 consistent with generally recognized independent standards of
31 current medical practice referenced in the most current version of
32 the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders.

33 b. (Deleted by amendment, P.L.2019, c.58)

34 c. The provisions of this section shall apply to all contracts in
35 which the health service corporation has reserved the right to
36 change the premium.

37 d. Nothing in this section shall reduce the requirement for a
38 health service corporation to provide benefits pursuant to section 3
39 of P.L.2017, c.28 (C.17:48E-35.38).

40 (cf: P.L.2019, c.58, s.3)

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42 4. Section 4 of P.L.1999, c.106 (C.17B:26-2.1s) is amended to
43 read as follows:

44 4. a. (1) Every individual health insurance policy that
45 provides hospital or medical expense benefits and is delivered,
46 issued, executed or renewed in this State pursuant to chapter 26 of
47 Title 17B of the New Jersey Statutes, or approved for issuance or
48 renewal in this State by the Commissioner of Banking and

1 Insurance, on or after the effective date of this act shall provide
2 coverage for mental health conditions and substance use disorders
3 under the same terms and conditions as provided for any other
4 sickness under the contract and shall meet the requirements of the
5 federal Paul Wellstone and Pete Domenici Mental Health Parity and
6 Addiction Equity Act of 2008, 42 U.S.C. s.18031(j), and any
7 amendments to, and federal guidance or regulations issued under
8 that act, including 45 C.F.R. Parts 146 and 147 and 45 C.F.R.
9 s.156.115(a)(3).

10 Coverage provided pursuant to this section shall include benefits
11 delivered through the psychiatric Collaborative Care Model.

12 (2) As used in this section:

13 "Mental health condition" means a condition defined to be
14 consistent with generally recognized independent standards of
15 current medical practice referenced in the current version of the
16 Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders.

17 "Psychiatric Collaborative Care Model" means the evidence-
18 based, integrated behavioral health service delivery method wherein
19 a primary care provider and a care manager collaborate with a
20 psychiatric consultant to provide care to a patient. "Psychiatric
21 Collaborative Care Model" shall include those benefits that are
22 billed using the following list of Current Procedural Terminology
23 (CPT) codes, which list shall be updated by the Commissioner of
24 Banking and Insurance whenever the codes are altered or
25 supplemented:

26 (a) 99492 – Initial psychiatric collaborative care management;

27 (b) 99493 – Subsequent psychiatric collaborative care
28 management; and

29 (c) 99494 – Initial or subsequent psychiatric collaborative care
30 management, additional time.

31 "Same terms and conditions" means that the insurer cannot apply
32 more restrictive non-quantitative limitations, such as utilization
33 review and other criteria or more quantitative limitations such as
34 copayments, deductibles, aggregate or annual limits or benefit
35 limits to mental health condition and substance use disorder
36 benefits than those applied to substantially all other medical or
37 surgical benefits.

38 "Substance use disorder" means a disorder defined to be
39 consistent with generally recognized independent standards of
40 current medical practice referenced in the most current version of
41 the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders.

42 b. (Deleted by amendment, P.L.2019, c.58)

43 c. The provisions of this section shall apply to all policies in
44 which the insurer has reserved the right to change the premium.

45 d. Nothing in this section shall reduce the requirement for an
46 insurer to provide benefits pursuant to section 4 of P.L.2017, c.28
47 (C.17B:26-2.1hh).

48 (cf: P.L.2019, c.58, s.4)

1 5. Section 5 of P.L.1999, c.106 (C.17B:27-46.1v) is amended
2 to read as follows:

3 5. a. (1) Every group health insurance policy that provides
4 hospital or medical expense benefits and is delivered, issued,
5 executed or renewed in this State pursuant to chapter 27 of Title
6 17B of the New Jersey Statutes, or approved for issuance or renewal
7 in this State by the Commissioner of Banking and Insurance, on or
8 after the effective date of this act shall provide benefits for mental
9 health conditions and substance use disorders under the same terms
10 and conditions as provided for any other sickness under the policy
11 and shall meet the requirements of the federal Paul Wellstone and
12 Pete Domenici Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of
13 2008, 42 U.S.C. s.18031(j), and any amendments to, and federal
14 guidance or regulations issued under that act, including 45 C.F.R.
15 Parts 146 and 147 and 45 C.F.R. s.156.115(a)(3).

16 Coverage provided pursuant to this section shall include benefits
17 delivered through the psychiatric Collaborative Care Model.

18 (2) As used in this section:

19 "Mental health condition" means a condition defined to be
20 consistent with generally recognized independent standards of
21 current medical practice referenced in the current version of the
22 Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders.

23 "Psychiatric Collaborative Care Model" means the evidence-
24 based, integrated behavioral health service delivery method wherein
25 a primary care provider and a care manager collaborate with a
26 psychiatric consultant to provide care to a patient. "Psychiatric
27 Collaborative Care Model" shall include those benefits that are
28 billed using the following list of Current Procedural Terminology
29 (CPT) codes, which list shall be updated by the Commissioner of
30 Banking and Insurance whenever the codes are altered or
31 supplemented:

32 (a) 99492 – Initial psychiatric collaborative care management;

33 (b) 99493 – Subsequent psychiatric collaborative care
34 management; and

35 (c) 99494 – Initial or subsequent psychiatric collaborative care
36 management, additional time.

37 "Same terms and conditions" means that the insurer cannot apply
38 more restrictive non-quantitative limitations, such as utilization
39 review and other criteria or more quantitative limitations such as
40 copayments, deductibles, aggregate or annual limits or benefit
41 limits to mental health condition and substance use disorder
42 benefits than those applied to substantially all other medical or
43 surgical benefits.

44 "Substance use disorder" means a disorder defined to be consistent
45 with generally recognized independent standards of current medical
46 practice referenced in the most current version of the Diagnostic
47 and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders.

48 b. (Deleted by amendment, P.L.2019, c.59)

1 c. The provisions of this section shall apply to all policies in
2 which the insurer has reserved the right to change the premium.

3 d. Nothing in this section shall reduce the requirement for an
4 insurer to provide benefits pursuant to section 5 of P.L.2017, c.28
5 (C.17B:27-46.1nn).
6 (cf: P.L.2019, c.58, s.5)
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8 6. Section 6 of P.L.1999, c.106 (C.17B:27A-7.5) is amended to
9 read as follows:

10 6. a. (1) Every individual health benefits plan that provides
11 hospital or medical expense benefits and is delivered, issued,
12 executed or renewed in this State pursuant to P.L.1992, c.161
13 (C.17B:27A-2 et seq.) or approved for issuance or renewal in this
14 State on or after the effective date of this act shall provide benefits
15 for mental health conditions and substance use disorders under the
16 same terms and conditions as provided for any other sickness under
17 the health benefits plan and shall meet the requirements of the
18 federal Paul Wellstone and Pete Domenici Mental Health Parity and
19 Addiction Equity Act of 2008, 42 U.S.C. s.18031(j), and any
20 amendments to, and federal guidance or regulations issued under
21 that act, including 45 C.F.R. Parts 146 and 147 and 45 C.F.R.
22 s.156.115(a)(3).

23 Coverage provided pursuant to this section shall include benefits
24 delivered through the psychiatric Collaborative Care Model.

25 (2) As used in this section:

26 "Mental health condition" means a condition defined to be
27 consistent with generally recognized independent standards of
28 current medical practice referenced in the current version of the
29 Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders.

30 "Psychiatric Collaborative Care Model" means the evidence-
31 based, integrated behavioral health service delivery method wherein
32 a primary care provider and a care manager collaborate with a
33 psychiatric consultant to provide care to a patient. "Psychiatric
34 Collaborative Care Model" shall include those benefits that are
35 billed using the following list of Current Procedural Terminology
36 (CPT) codes, which list shall be updated by the Commissioner of
37 Banking and Insurance whenever the codes are altered or
38 supplemented:

39 (a) 99492 – Initial psychiatric collaborative care management;

40 (b) 99493 – Subsequent psychiatric collaborative care
41 management; and

42 (c) 99494 – Initial or subsequent psychiatric collaborative care
43 management, additional time.

44 "Same terms and conditions" means that the plan cannot apply
45 more restrictive non-quantitative limitations, such as utilization
46 review and other criteria or more quantitative limitations such as
47 copayments, deductibles, aggregate or annual limits or benefit
48 limits to mental health condition and substance use disorder

benefits than those applied to substantially all other medical or surgical benefits.

"Substance use disorder" means a disorder defined to be consistent with generally recognized independent standards of current medical practice referenced in the most current version of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders.

b. (Deleted by amendment, P.L.2019, c.58)

c. The provisions of this section shall apply to all health benefits plans in which the carrier has reserved the right to change the premium.

d. Nothing in this section shall reduce the requirement for a plan to provide benefits pursuant to section 6 of P.L.2017, c.28 (C.17B:27A-7.21).

(cf: P.L.2019, c.58, s.6)

7. Section 7 of P.L.1999, c.106 (C.17B:27A-19.7) is amended to read as follows:

7. a. (1) Every small employer health benefits plan that provides hospital or medical expense benefits and is delivered, issued, executed or renewed in this State pursuant to P.L.1992, c.162 (C.17B:27A-17 et seq.) or approved for issuance or renewal in this State on or after the effective date of this act shall provide benefits for mental health conditions and substance use disorders under the same terms and conditions as provided for any other sickness under the health benefits plan and shall meet the requirements of the federal Paul Wellstone and Pete Domenici Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008, 42 U.S.C. s.18031(j), and any amendments to, and federal guidance or regulations issued under that act, including 45 C.F.R. Parts 146 and 147 and 45 C.F.R. s.156.115(a)(3).

Coverage provided pursuant to this section shall include benefits delivered through the psychiatric Collaborative Care Model.

(2) As used in this section:

"Mental health condition" means a condition defined to be consistent with generally recognized independent standards of current medical practice referenced in the current version of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders.

"Psychiatric Collaborative Care Model" means the evidence-based, integrated behavioral health service delivery method wherein a primary care provider and a care manager collaborate with a psychiatric consultant to provide care to a patient. "Psychiatric Collaborative Care Model" shall include those benefits that are billed using the following list of Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes, which list shall be updated by the Commissioner of Banking and Insurance whenever the codes are altered or supplemented:

(a) 99492 – Initial psychiatric collaborative care management;

1 **(b) 99493 – Subsequent psychiatric collaborative care**
2 **management; and**

3 **(c) 99494 – Initial or subsequent psychiatric collaborative care**
4 **management, additional time.**

5 "Same terms and conditions" means that the plan cannot apply
6 more restrictive non-quantitative limitations, such as utilization
7 review and other criteria or more quantitative limitations such as
8 copayments, deductibles, aggregate or annual limits or benefit
9 limits to mental health condition and substance use disorder
10 benefits than those applied to substantially all other medical or
11 surgical benefits.

12 "Substance use disorder" means a disorder defined to be
13 consistent with generally recognized independent standards of
14 current medical practice referenced in the most current version of
15 the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders.

16 b. (Deleted by amendment, P.L.2019, c.58)

17 c. The provisions of this section shall apply to all health
18 benefits plans in which the carrier has reserved the right to change
19 the premium.

20 d. Nothing in this section shall reduce the requirement for a
21 plan to provide benefits pursuant to section 7 of P.L.2017, c.28
22 (C.17B:27A-19.25).

23 (cf: P.L.2019, c.58, s.7)

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25 8. Section 8 of P.L.1999, c.106 (C.26:2J-4.20) is amended to
26 read as follows:

27 8. a. (1) Every enrollee agreement delivered, issued,
28 executed, or renewed in this State pursuant to P.L.1973, c.337
29 (C.26:2J-1 et seq.) or approved for issuance or renewal in this State
30 by the Commissioner of Banking and Insurance, on or after the
31 effective date of this act shall provide health care services for
32 mental health conditions and substance use disorders under the
33 same terms and conditions as provided for any other sickness under
34 the agreement and shall meet the requirements of the federal Paul
35 Wellstone and Pete Domenici Mental Health Parity and Addiction
36 Equity Act of 2008, 42 U.S.C. s.18031(j), and any amendments to,
37 and federal guidance or regulations issued under that act, including
38 45 C.F.R. Parts 146 and 147 and 45 C.F.R. s.156.115(a)(3).

39 Coverage provided pursuant to this section shall include benefits
40 delivered through the psychiatric Collaborative Care Model.

41 (2) As used in this section:

42 "Mental health condition" means a condition defined to be
43 consistent with generally recognized independent standards of
44 current medical practice referenced in the current version of the
45 Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders.

46 "Psychiatric Collaborative Care Model" means the evidence-
47 based, integrated behavioral health service delivery method wherein
48 a primary care provider and a care manager collaborate with a

1 psychiatric consultant to provide care to a patient. “Psychiatric
2 Collaborative Care Model” shall include those benefits that are
3 billed using the following list of Current Procedural Terminology
4 (CPT) codes, which list shall be updated by the Commissioner of
5 Banking and Insurance whenever the codes are altered or
6 supplemented:

7 (a) 99492 – Initial psychiatric collaborative care management;

8 (b) 99493 – Subsequent psychiatric collaborative care
9 management; and

10 (c) 99494 – Initial or subsequent psychiatric collaborative care
11 management, additional time.

12 "Same terms and conditions" means that the health maintenance
13 organization cannot apply more restrictive non-quantitative
14 limitations, such as utilization review and other criteria or more
15 quantitative limitations such as copayments, deductibles,, aggregate
16 or annual limits or health care services limits to mental health
17 condition and substance use disorder services than those applied to
18 substantially all other medical or surgical health care services.

19 "Substance use disorder" means a disorder defined to be
20 consistent with generally recognized independent standards of
21 current medical practice referenced in the most current version of
22 the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders.

23 b. (Deleted by amendment, P.L.2019, c.58)

24 c. The provisions of this section shall apply to enrollee
25 agreements in which the health maintenance organization has
26 reserved the right to change the premium.

27 d. Nothing in this section shall reduce the requirement for a
28 health maintenance organization to provide benefits pursuant to
29 section 8 of P.L.2017, c.28 (C.26:2J-4.39).

30 (cf: P.L.2019, c.58, s.8)

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32 9. Section 1 of P.L.1999, c.441 (C.52:14-17.29d) is amended to
33 read as follows:

34 1. As used in this act:

35 "Carrier" means an insurance company, health service
36 corporation, hospital service corporation, medical service
37 corporation or health maintenance organization authorized to issue
38 health benefits plans in this State.

39 "Mental health condition" means a condition defined to be
40 consistent with generally recognized independent standards of
41 current medical practice referenced in the current version of the
42 Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders.

43 “Psychiatric Collaborative Care Model” means the evidence-
44 based, integrated behavioral health service delivery method wherein
45 a primary care provider and a care manager collaborate with a
46 psychiatric consultant to provide care to a patient. “Psychiatric
47 Collaborative Care Model” shall include those benefits that are
48 billed using the following list of Current Procedural Terminology

1 (CPT) codes, which list shall be updated by the Commissioner of
2 Banking and Insurance whenever the codes are altered or
3 supplemented:

4 (a) 99492 – Initial psychiatric collaborative care management;

5 (b) 99493 – Subsequent psychiatric collaborative care
6 management; and

7 (c) 99494 – Initial or subsequent psychiatric collaborative care
8 management, additional time.

9 "Same terms and conditions" means that a carrier cannot apply
10 more restrictive non-quantitative limitations, such as utilization
11 review and other criteria or more quantitative limitations such as
12 copayments, deductibles, aggregate or annual limits or benefit
13 limits to mental health condition and substance use disorder
14 benefits than those applied to substantially all other medical or
15 surgical benefits.

16 "Substance use disorder" means a disorder defined to be
17 consistent with generally recognized independent standards of
18 current medical practice referenced in the most current version of
19 the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders.

20 (cf: P.L.2019, c.58, s.9)

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22 10. Section 2 of P.L.1999, c.441 (C.52:14-17.29e) is amended to
23 read as follows:

24 2. a. The State Health Benefits Commission shall ensure that
25 every contract purchased by the commission on or after the
26 effective date of this act that provides hospital or medical expense
27 benefits shall provide coverage for mental health conditions and
28 substance use disorders under the same terms and conditions as
29 provided for any other sickness under the contract and shall meet
30 the requirements of the federal Paul Wellstone and Pete Domenici
31 Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008, 42 U.S.C.
32 s.18031(j), and any amendments to, and federal guidance or
33 regulations issued under that act, including 45 C.F.R. Parts 146 and
34 147 and 45 C.F.R. s.156.115(a)(3).

35 Coverage provided pursuant to this section shall include benefits
36 delivered through the psychiatric Collaborative Care Model.

37 b. The commission shall provide notice to employees regarding
38 the coverage required by this section in accordance with this
39 subsection and regulations promulgated by the Commissioner of
40 Health pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act,"
41 P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.). The notice shall be in writing
42 and prominently positioned in any literature or correspondence and
43 shall be transmitted at the earliest of: (1) the next mailing to the
44 employee; (2) the yearly informational packet sent to the employee;
45 or (3) July 1, 2000. The commission shall also ensure that the
46 carrier under contract with the commission, upon receipt of
47 information that a covered person is receiving treatment for a

1 mental health condition or substance use disorder, shall promptly
2 notify that person of the coverage required by this section.

3 c. Nothing in this section shall reduce the requirement for a
4 carrier to provide benefits pursuant to section 9 of P.L.2017, c.28
5 (C.52:14-17.29u).
6 (cf: P.L.2019, c.58, s.10)
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8 11. This act shall take effect on the 60th day after enactment and
9 shall apply to all contracts and policies delivered, issued, executed,
10 or renewed on or after that date.

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15 Requires health insurance carriers to provide coverage for
16 treatment of mental health conditions and substance use disorders
17 through collaborative care.