House File XX

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**A BILL FOR**

An act relating to carrier reporting requirements to demonstrate compliance with the Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act (MHAPAEA) of 2008, specifications for the Commissioner to implement MHPAEA, and MHPAEA reporting requirements for the Commissioner.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 514C.32 Substance abuse medication requirements.

1. *a.* All carriers providing an individual or group policy, contract, or plan providing for third-party payment or prepayment of health, medical, surgical, and mental illness or substance abuse coverage 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 abuse.

*b.* All carriers providing an individual or group policy, contract, or plan providing for third-party payment or prepayment of health, medical, surgical, and mental illness or substance abuse coverage shall not impose any step therapy requirements before the carrier will authorize coverage for a prescription medication approved by the FDA for the treatment of substance abuse.

*c.* All carriers providing an individual or group policy, contract, or plan providing for third-party payment or prepayment of health, medical, surgical, and mental illness or substance abuse coverage shall place all prescription medications approved by the FDA for the treatment of substance abuse on the lowest tier of the drug formulary developed and maintained by the carrier.

*d.* All carriers providing an individual or group policy, contract, or plan providing for third-party payment or prepayment of health, medical, surgical, and mental illness or substance abuse coverage shall not exclude coverage for any prescription medication approved by the FDA for the treatment of substance abuse and any associated counseling or wraparound services on the grounds that such medications and services were court ordered.