HOUSE BILL NO. XXX

INTRODUCED BY:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: “AN ACT SPECIFYING COVERAGE REQUIREMENTS FOR MEDICATIONS FOR THE TREATMENT OF SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND APPLICABILITY DATE.”

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

NEW SECTION. **Section 1. Medication-assisted treatment.** (1) Each health insurance issuer that issues, modifies, or renews individual or group health insurance coverage that provides 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.

(2) Each health insurance issuer that issues, modifies, or renews individual or group health insurance coverage that provides prescription drug benefits for the treatment of substance use disorders shall not impose any step therapy requirements before the issuer will authorize coverage for a prescription medication approved by the FDA for the treatment of substance use disorders.

(3) Each health insurance issuer that issues, modifies, or renews individual or group health insurance coverage that provides 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 issuer.

(4) Each health insurance issuer that issues, modifies, or renews individual or group health insurance coverage that provides 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.

NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Codification instruction.** Section 1 is intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 33, chapter 22, part 7.

NEW SECTION. **Section 3. Effective date -- applicability.** [This act] is effective on passage and applies to policies and plans offered or sold on or after [the effective date of this act].

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