Senate Bill XXX

By: Senators \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

A BILL TO BE ENACTED

AN ACT

To amend Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance generally, so as to provide that insurers authorized to issue accident and sickness insurance benefit plans, policies, or contracts that provide mental disorder benefits shall reimburse for such benefits when provided through the psychiatric Collaborative Care Model.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**Section 1**

Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions of insurance generally, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

“33-24-29.2

(a) All insurers that issue individual or group accident and sickness insurance benefits plans, policies, or contracts that provide coverage for the treatment of mental disorders shall provide reimbursement for such benefits that are delivered through the psychiatric Collaborative Care Model, which shall include the following current procedural terminology (CPT) billing codes established by the American Medical Association (AMA):

(1) 99492;

(2) 99493;

(3) 99494; and

(4) The Commissioner shall update this list of codes if there are any alterations or additions to the billing codes for the Collaborative Care Model.

(b) Each insurer that issues individual or group accident and sickness insurance benefits plans, policies, or contracts that provide coverage for the treatment of mental disorders may deny reimbursement of any CPT code listed in this section on the grounds of medical necessity, provided that such medical necessity determinations are in compliance with the Paul Wellstone and Pete Domenici Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008 and its implementing and related regulations, and that such determinations are made in accordance with the utilization review requirements found within Chapter 46 of this Title.

(c) “The Psychiatric Collaborative Care Model” means the evidence-based, integrated behavioral health service delivery method described at 81 FR 80230.

**Section 2**

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.