LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF IDAHO

Sixty-fifth Legislature First Regular Session – 2019

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. XXX

BY \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE ADDICTION COVERAGE ACCOUNTABILITY ACT; AMENDING TITLE 41, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF CHAPTER 65

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

SECTION 1. That Title 41, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended by the addition of a NEW CHAPTER, to be known and designated as Chapter 65, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

41-6501. SHORT TITLE. Sections 41-6501 through 41-6503 shall be known and may be cited as the “Addiction Coverage Accountability Act.”

SECTION 2. That Title 41, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended by the addition of a NEW SECTION, to be known and designated as Section 41-6502, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

41-6502. DEFINITIONS. For the purposes of this chapter:

(1) "Carrier" means any entity that provides health insurance in this state. For purposes of this chapter, carrier includes an insurance company, a hospital or professional service corporation, a fraternal benefit society, a health maintenance organization, any entity providing health insurance coverage or benefits to residents of this state as certificate holders under a group policy issued or delivered outside of this state, and any other entity providing a plan of health insurance or health benefits subject to state insurance regulation.

(2) "Health benefit plan" means any hospital or medical policy or certificate, any subscriber contract provided by a hospital or professional service corporation, or health maintenance organization subscriber contract. Health benefit plan does not include policies or certificates of insurance for specific disease, hospital confinement indemnity, accident-only, credit, dental, vision, medicare supplement, long-term care, or disability income insurance, student health benefits only, coverage issued as a supplement to liability insurance, worker’s compensation or similar insurance, automobile medical payment insurance, or nonrenewable short-term coverage issued for a period of twelve (12) months or less.

(3) "Individual carrier" means a carrier that offers health benefit plans covering eligible individuals and their dependents.

(4) “Substance use disorder” means any condition or disorder that involves a substance use disorder that falls under any of the diagnostic categories listed in the mental disorders section of the current edition of the International Classification of Disease or that is listed in the mental disorders section of the most recent version of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders.

SECTION 3. That Title 41, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended by the addition of a NEW SECTION, to be known and designated as Section 41-6503, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

41-6503. MEDICATION-ASSISTED TREATMENT. (1) All carriers and individual carriers providing health benefit plans that provide 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) All carriers and individual carriers providing health benefit plans that provide prescription drug benefits for the treatment of substance use disorders shall not impose any step therapy requirements before the carrier or individual carrier will authorize coverage for a prescription medication approved by the FDA for the treatment of substance use disorders.

(3) All carriers and individual carriers providing health benefit plans that provide 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 carrier or individual carrier.

(4) All carriers and individual carriers providing health benefit plans that provide 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.