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Synopsis: This bill would require that insurers or other issuers of individual or group health benefit plans that provide mental health or substance abuse benefits to provide such benefits through the psychiatric Collaborative Care Model service delivery system.

A BILL

TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

To add section 27-54-8 of the Code of Alabama 1975, relating to coverage of mental illness benefits delivered through the Psychiatric Collaborative Care Model and other behavioral health integration service delivery systems.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1: Section 27-54-8 is added to the Code of Alabama 1975, to read as follows:

§27-54-8.

(a) All insurers or other issuers of individual or group health benefit plans that provide benefits for the treatment and diagnosis of mental illnesses or alcohol and substance abuse 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) All insurers or other issuers of individual or group health benefit plans 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 in Chapter 3A 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. This act shall become effective on the first day of the third month following its passage and approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.