Missouri 2021 Legislative Mental Health Proposals

HB 364 -- ANTIPSYCHOTIC DRUGS
SPONSOR: Rep. David Gregory (96)
Currently, the MO HealthNet Division within the Department of Social Services cannot impose any restrictions on access to individual atypical antipsychotic monotherapy for the treatment of schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, or psychosis associated with severe depression. This bill prohibits any restrictions on access for any antipsychotic medication. The bill does not prohibit the Division from utilizing clinical edits to ensure clinical best practices. Currently, the Division must issue a provider update at least twice a year to enumerate treatment and utilization principles for MO HealthNet providers. If the Division implements any new policy or clinical edit for an antipsychotic drug, the Division must continue to allow MO HealthNet participants access to any antipsychotic drug that they are using and are stable on or any drug that they have successfully used previously. The Division may recommend a resource list with no restrictions to access of antipsychotic drugs. This bill removes several provisions from existing statute that: (1) Allow the Division to include considering cost in the context of best practices in its treatment and utilization principles for providers; (2) Outline the use of "nonpreferred" drugs; and (3) Limit available drugs for an individual patient. This bill is similar to HB 1875 (2020) and HB 867 (2019). Statutes affected: 208.227

SB 80: Modifies provisions relating to insurance coverage for mental health conditions
SPONSOR: Sen. Greg Razer (7)
This act specifies that all health benefit plans, rather than health benefit plans that do not otherwise provide for management of care under the plan or that do not provide for the same degree of management of care for all health conditions, may provide coverage for treatment of mental health conditions through a managed care organization provided the health benefit plan is in compliance with certain rules set by the Department of Commerce and Insurance. (Section 376.1550.1(3)). The act repeals a provision requiring coverage for chemical dependency treatment to comply with certain statutes relating to individual coverage for alcoholism and chemical dependency, and repeals a provision making those statutes applicable to group policies. (Section 376.1550.1(4)). Under the act, no health benefit plan shall impose a nonquantitative treatment limitation, as defined in the act, with respect to mental health condition benefits of any classification unless the standards are applied no more stringently to mental health condition benefits than to medical or surgical benefits in the same classification. (Section 376.1550.1(4)). This act is substantially similar to HB 1528 (2020), and similar to HB 2384 (2020). Statutes affected: Introduced (0784S.01): 376.1550

HB 383 -- INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR MENTAL HEALTH
SPONSOR: Rep. Bill Kidd (20)
This bill requires that any rules must prohibit a health benefit plan from imposing a nonquantitative treatment limitation with respect to mental health condition benefits unless under the terms of the plan, any factors used in applying the nonquantitative treatment limitation to mental health condition benefits are comparable to and are applied no more stringently than the factors used in applying the limitation with respect to medical or surgical benefits as outlined in the bill. This bill is similar to HB 1528 (2020). Statutes affected: Introduced (1267H.01): 376.1550

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HB 465 -- STRESS MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES

SPONSOR: Rep. Patricia Pike (126)

This bill requires that beginning in the 2021-22 school year the optional, professional development training in youth suicide awareness and prevention, contain at least one unit relating to stress management strategies for students and faculty. Statutes affected: Introduced (0950H.02): 170.047

HB 537 -- MO HEALTHNET FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES


Under current federal law, a person who is in an institution for mental disease cannot receive Medicaid coverage. This bill requires the Department of Social Services to apply for a waiver from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services in order to give MO HealthNet coverage for mental health services provided in residential programs in psychiatric facilities. Statutes affected: Introduced (0357H.01): 208.152

HB 304 -- SUICIDE PREVENTION


This bill names Section 170.047, RSMo the "Jason Flatt/ Avery Reine Cantor Act". Beginning in the 2022-23 school year, each school district may offer at least two hours of suicide prevention training for all practicing teachers. All teachers, principals, and licensed educators may attend such a training or complete training on suicide prevention through self-review of suicide prevention materials. The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education may develop materials to be used for such training or may offer districts materials developed by a third party. This bill also requires public schools, charter schools, and public institutions of higher education that issue pupil identification cards to have printed on the card specific phone numbers including those for the National Suicide Prevention and the Crisis Text Line. This bill is similar to HCS for HB 1820 & 1470 (2020). Statutes affected: 170.047, 170.048, 173.1200

HB 437 -- SUICIDE PREVENTION

SPONSOR: Rep. LaDonna Appelbaum (71)

This bill names Section 170.047, RSMo the "Jason Flatt/ Avery Reine Cantor Act". The bill states that beginning in the 2022-23 school year, each school district can offer at least two hours of suicide prevention training for all practicing teachers. All teachers, principals, and licensed educators can attend such a training or complete training on suicide prevention through self-review of suicide prevention materials. The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education may develop materials to be used for such training or may offer districts materials developed by a third party. This bill also requires public schools, charter schools, and public institutions of higher education that issue pupil identification cards to have printed on the card specific phone numbers including those for the National Suicide Prevention and the Crisis Text Line. This bill is similar to HCS HB 1820 & 1470 (2020) and HB 1043 (2019). Statutes affected: Introduced (0677H.01): 170.047, 170.048, 173.1200