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HOUSE BILL

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AN ACT relative to notice that a health care provider is no longer accepting new patients and relative to mental health parity.

SPONSORS: Rep. Luneau, Merr. 10; Rep. Bartlett, Merr. 19; Rep. Knirk, Carr. 3; Rep. Ladd, Graf. 4; Sen. Whitley, Dist 15; Sen. Sherman, Dist 24

COMMITTEE: Commerce and Consumer Affairs

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill requires contracts between health care providers and carriers to include a provision that the provider notify the carrier when the provider is no longer accepting new patients. The bill also requires coverage for biologically-based mental illness to meet the access standards in RSA 420-J:7.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
 Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struck through.]~~
 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Two

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relative to mental health parity.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 84:1 Managed Care Law; Provider Contract Standards. Amend RSA 420-J:8 by inserting after
2 paragraph XVII the following new paragraph:

3 XVIII. Every contract entered into after September 1, 2022 between a health carrier and any
4 health care provider shall contain a provision that requires the health care provider to notify the carrier
5 when the health care provider is no longer accepting new patients. Notification shall take place no more
6 than 30 days after the date the health care provider is no longer accepting new patients.

7 84:2 Coverage for Certain Biologically-Based Mental Illnesses. Amend RSA 417-E:1, II to read as
8 follows:

9 II. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, each insurer that issues or renews any policy of
10 accident or health insurance and each nonprofit health service corporation under RSA 420-A and health
11 maintenance organization under RSA 420-B providing benefits for disease or sickness in the state of New
12 Hampshire shall provide benefits for treatment and diagnosis of certain biologically-based mental
13 illnesses under ~~[the same]~~ ***access standards established in RSA 420-J:7, and under*** terms and conditions
14 ~~[and]~~ which are no less extensive than ***the*** coverage provided for any other type of health care for physical
15 illness.

16 84:3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2023.

Approved: May 20, 2022
Effective Date: January 01, 2023

