

Amendment to HB 739

1 Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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3 AN ACT clarifying Medicaid spend-down requirements and requiring a report to the oversight
4 committee on health and human services.

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6 Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

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8 1 New Section; Spend-Down Requirements for Medical Expenses. Amend RSA 167 by inserting
9 after section 4-d the following new section:

10 167:4-e Spend-down Requirements for Medical Expenses. For the purposes of off-setting the
11 Medicaid spend-down requirements, mental health expenses shall be included as medical expenses.

12 2 Report to Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services

13 I. The department of health and human services shall submit an interim report on or before
14 October 1, 2020, to the oversight committee on health and human services, established pursuant to
15 RSA 126-A:13, relative to actions taken to ensure the uniform application of spend-down
16 requirements. The report shall include a description of how spend-down requirements were
17 addressed in remedial staff training programs, updates to the policy manual, and updates to the
18 brochure and any other department publications.

19 II. The department shall submit a final report by October 1, 2021, on the application of
20 spend-down requirements. The report shall include data indicating how spend-down requirements
21 have been applied since the interim report was filed.

22 3 Effective date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill declares that for purposes of off-setting the Medicaid spend-down requirements, mental health expenses shall be included as medical expenses.