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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

305 ILCS 5/5-5.05d new
305 ILCS 5/5-5.05e new
305 ILCS 5/5-5.05f new
305 ILCS 5/5-5.05g new
305 ILCS 5/5-5.05h new
305 ILCS 5/5-5.06c new
305 ILCS 5/5-5.06d new

Amends the Medical Assistance Article of the Illinois Public Aid Code. Requires the Department of Healthcare and Family Services to develop a program designed to provide over-the-phone academic detailing and clinical consultation from a qualified provider to behavioral health providers and providers in academic medical settings who need assistance on how best to care for patients with a severe mental illness or a developmental disability. Requires the Department to track all inpatient and residential detoxification and treatment beds that are available for medical assistance beneficiaries and for provider referrals. Requires the Department to record provider trainings and publish the trainings online within one month of the training, whenever feasible, to be available on demand for staff who are unable to attend. Provides that beginning on January 1, 2023, the Department shall cover services rendered by virtual peer support specialists under the medical assistance program for behavioral health and substance use support. Requires the Department and the Department of Human Services to collaborate to review coverage and billing requirements for substance use prevention and recovery and mental health services with the goal of identifying disparities and streamlining coverage and billing requirements to reduce the administrative burden for providers and medical assistance beneficiaries. Requires the Department to increase the rate for prenatal and postpartum visits to no less than the rate for an adult well visit, including any applicable add-ons, beginning on January 1, 2023. Requires the Department to evaluate the rate for external cephalic versions and increase the rate by an amount determined by the Department to promote safer birthing options for pregnant individuals, beginning on January 1, 2023.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning public aid.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Public Aid Code is amended by
5 adding Sections 5-5.05d, 5-5.05e, 5-5.05f, 5-5.05g, 5-5.05h,
6 5-5.06c, and 5-5.06d as follows:

7 (305 ILCS 5/5-5.05d new)

8 Sec. 5-5.05d. Academic detailing for behavioral health
9 providers. The Department shall develop, in collaboration with
10 associations representing behavioral health providers, a
11 program designed to provide over-the-phone academic detailing
12 and clinical consultation from a qualified provider to
13 behavioral health providers and providers in academic medical
14 settings who need assistance on how best to care for patients
15 with a severe mental illness or a developmental disability.
16 The Department shall include the phone number established
17 under the program on its website and notify providers that the
18 service is available. The Department may create an in-person
19 option if adequate staff is available. To the extent
20 practicable, the Department shall build upon this service to
21 address worker shortages and the availability of specialty
22 services.

1 (305 ILCS 5/5-5.05e new)

2 Sec. 5-5.05e. Tracking beds for detoxification and
3 treatment. The Department shall track, or contract with an
4 organization to track by level of care, all inpatient and
5 residential detoxification and treatment beds that are
6 available for medical assistance beneficiaries and for
7 provider referrals. The Department shall update the tracking
8 daily and publish the availability of beds by level of care on
9 its website.

10 (305 ILCS 5/5-5.05f new)

11 Sec. 5-5.05f. Access to on demand training. To improve
12 access to provider education, the Department shall record
13 provider trainings and publish the trainings online within one
14 month of the training, whenever feasible, to be available on
15 demand for staff who are unable to attend.

16 (305 ILCS 5/5-5.05g new)

17 Sec. 5-5.05g. Medical assistance coverage for virtual peer
18 supports. Beginning on January 1, 2023, the Department shall
19 cover services rendered by virtual peer support specialists
20 under the medical assistance program for behavioral health and
21 substance use support. The Department shall allow
22 reimbursement for services delivered through video
23 conferencing or by phone. As used in this Section, a "peer
24 support specialist" means an individual who:

1 (1) is a self-identified current or former recipient
2 of behavioral health services who has the ability to
3 support other individuals diagnosed with a mental illness
4 or substance use disorder;

5 (2) is affiliated with a community mental health
6 center, behavioral health clinic, substance use prevention
7 and recovery provider agency, or federally qualified
8 health center; and

9 (A) is certified in accordance with applicable
10 State law to provide peer support services in
11 behavioral health settings; or

12 (B) is certified as qualified to furnish peer
13 support services under a certification process
14 consistent with the National Practice Guidelines for
15 Peer Supporters and inclusive of the core competencies
16 identified by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health
17 Services Administration in the Core Competencies for
18 Peer Workers in Behavioral Health Services.

19 (305 ILCS 5/5-5.05h new)

20 Sec. 5-5.05h. Alignment of substance use prevention and
21 recovery and mental health policy. The Department and the
22 Department of Human Services shall collaborate to review
23 coverage and billing requirements for substance use prevention
24 and recovery and mental health services with the goal of
25 identifying disparities and streamlining coverage and billing

1 requirements to reduce the administrative burden for providers
2 and medical assistance beneficiaries.

3 (305 ILCS 5/5-5.06c new)

4 Sec. 5-5.06c. Access to prenatal and postpartum care. To
5 ensure access to high quality prenatal and postpartum care and
6 to promote continuity of care for pregnant individuals, the
7 Department shall increase the rate for prenatal and postpartum
8 visits to no less than the rate for an adult well visit,
9 including any applicable add-ons, beginning on January 1,
10 2023.

11 (305 ILCS 5/5-5.06d new)

12 Sec. 5-5.06d. External cephalic version rate. To encourage
13 provider use of external cephalic versions and decrease the
14 rates of cesarean sections in Illinois, the Department shall
15 evaluate the rate for external cephalic versions and increase
16 the rate by an amount determined by the Department to promote
17 safer birthing options for pregnant individuals, beginning on
18 January 1, 2023.