

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0211

Mental health and substance use coverage parity.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Dayton, Brown, Clifford, MacGuire, Styvar and Sweeney and Senator(s) Baldwin and Pappas

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to insurance; mandating health insurance
2 coverage parity for mental health and substance use disorders
3 as specified; specifying applicability; authorizing
4 rulemaking; and providing for an effective date.

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6 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 26-20-701 is created to read:

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10 ARTICLE 7

11 MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER INSURANCE PARITY

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13 **26-20-701. Required parity for mental health and**
14 **substance use disorder insurance.**

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1 All individual or group health insurance policies providing
2 coverage on an expense incurred basis, individual and group
3 service or indemnity type health insurance contracts issued
4 by any insurer, including any nonprofit corporation and
5 individual and group service contracts issued by a health
6 maintenance organization, shall meet the requirements of, and
7 the commissioner may enforce subject to the provisions of
8 this section, the Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity
9 Act of 2008, 42 U.S.C. § 300gg-26, as amended, and the
10 regulations promulgated pursuant thereto as of January 1,
11 2018. Persons exempt from complying with the Mental Health
12 Parity and Addiction Equity Act shall not be exempted from
13 complying with the requirements of this section if this
14 section otherwise applies to the person. The commissioner
15 may promulgate reasonable rules which establish exemptions
16 from the application of this section.

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18 **Section 2.** This act shall apply to all health insurance
19 policies, plans and contracts delivered, issued, renewed,
20 modified, amended or extended on or after July 1, 2019.

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1 **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2019.

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