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HOUSE BILL NO. 409

BY REPRESENTATIVE FRANKLIN

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

MEDICAID: Prohibits Medicaid managed care organizations from denying opportunities to behavioral health services providers for enrollment in provider networks

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 39:1649, relative to Medicaid managed care organizations; to prohibit
3 Medicaid managed care organizations from denying licensed behavioral health
4 services providers who meet certain qualifications the opportunity to enroll in a
5 provider network; to require promulgation of rules by the Louisiana Department of
6 Health; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 39:1649 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §1649. Medicaid managed care contracts for behavioral health services

10 A. For purposes of this Section, the following terms have the meaning
11 ascribed to them in this Subsection:

12 (1) "Behavioral health services" and "behavioral health services provider"
13 shall have the meaning ascribed in R.S. 40:2153.

14 (2) "Department" means the Louisiana Department of Health.

15 (3) "Managed care organization" shall have the meaning ascribed in R.S.
16 46:460.51.

17 B. No Medicaid managed care organization shall deny a behavioral health
18 services provider licensed by the department the opportunity to be a participating
19 provider in the provider network of the managed care organization if the behavioral

1 health services provider meets all requirements of participation in the state Medicaid
2 program.
3 C. The department shall promulgate all such rules in accordance with the
4 Administrative Procedure Act as are necessary to implement the provisions of this
5 Section.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Prohibits Medicaid managed care organizations from denying licensed and qualified behavioral health services providers the opportunity to enroll in provider networks.

Proposed law provides that no Medicaid managed care organization shall deny a behavioral health services provider licensed by the La. Department of Health the opportunity to be a participating provider in the provider network of the managed care organization if the behavioral health services provider meets all requirements of participation in the state Medicaid program.

(Adds R.S. 39:1649)