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HOUSE BILL NO. 394

BY REPRESENTATIVE STAGNI

HEALTH: Provides relative to a network of care

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 40:2159.3, relative to a network of care; to provide for the implementation of
3 a digital network; to provide for access to behavioral health services; to provide for
4 funding; to require certain duties from the office of behavioral health within the
5 Louisiana Department of Health; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 40:2159.3 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §2159.3. Digital access to behavioral health services

9 A. The office of behavioral health within the Louisiana Department of
10 Health shall implement, operate, and maintain a digital network that provides
11 comprehensive referral services, support, and information relating to the early
12 intervention and prevention for individuals with mental health or substance use
13 disorder-related issues.

14 B. The digital network shall be made available to healthcare facilities
15 licensed in accordance with state law that provide behavioral health and substance
16 use disorder services to patients with mental illness or substance use disorder in this
17 state.

18 C. The digital network shall encompass resources for military veterans,
19 including but not limited to all of the following:

- 1 (1) Comprehensive referral services for transitional, temporary, and
- 2 permanent housing.
- 3 (2) Job placement.
- 4 (3) Career counseling.
- 5 D. Funding for the implementation, operation, and maintenance of a digital
- 6 network shall be determined by the office of behavioral health within the Louisiana
- 7 Department of Health.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Establishes a digital network to access behavioral health services and requires the office of behavioral health to implement the network.

Proposed law requires the office of behavioral health within LDH to implement, operate, and maintain a digital network and to provide funds for the implementation, operation, and maintenance of such a program.

Proposed law further provides that the digital network shall include comprehensive referral services, support, and information relating to the early intervention, prevention, and support for individuals with mental health or substance use disorder-related issues.

Proposed law requires the digital network to be made available to healthcare facilities licensed in accordance with present law and providing behavioral health and substance use disorder services to patients in this state.

Proposed law requires the digital network to include certain resources for military veterans.

(Adds R.S. 40:2159.3)