

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 762

BY REPRESENTATIVE JACKSON

MENTAL HEALTH: Provides relative to referrals of certain Medicaid enrollees for mental health counseling or treatment by managed care providers

1 AN ACT

2 To enact Subpart D of Part XIII of Chapter 3 of Title 50 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes
3 of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 46:460.81, relative to the Medicaid managed care
4 program; to require referrals of Medicaid enrollees for mental health counseling or
5 treatment by managed care providers in certain cases; and to provide for related
6 matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. Subpart D of Part XIII of Chapter 3 of Title 50 of the Louisiana Revised
9 Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 46:460.81, is hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 SUBPART D. MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

11 §460.81. Mental health services; referrals required in certain cases

12 A. The requirements of this Section shall apply when a provider delivers
13 health care services through a managed care organization to an enrollee whom he
14 knows to be pregnant.

15 B. In any case described by Subsection A of this Section, if the pregnant
16 woman requests mental health counseling or treatment, the provider shall refer the
17 woman for such counseling or treatment as soon as practicable, and without any
18 unnecessary delay.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires referrals of pregnant Medicaid enrollees for mental health counseling or treatment by managed care providers when such patients request these services.

Proposed law provides that its requirements apply in cases when a provider delivers health care services through a Medicaid managed care organization to a Medicaid enrollee whom he knows to be pregnant.

Proposed law provides that in any such case, if the pregnant woman requests mental health counseling or treatment, the provider shall refer the woman for those services as soon as practicable, and without any unnecessary delay.

(Adds R.S. 46:460.81)