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SENATE AMENDMENT "A " to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 622, L.D. 1630, Bill, "An Act to Allow the Diagnosis of Biologically-based Mental Illness by Licensed Psychologists"

Amend the amendment in section 2 in paragraph B in subparagraph (3) by striking out the last sentence (page 2, lines 21 to 24 in amendment) and inserting in its place the following:
'This paragraph does not prohibit a licensed mental health provider, including a licensed clinical social worker or a licensed nurse certified as a clinical nurse specialist in psychiatric and mental health nursing, from providing the diagnosis and treatment of biologically-based mental illness within the scope of the provider's licensure and does not limit payment or reimbursement payable to a provider under this section for those services at a reimbursement level other than the level specified in this paragraph for licensed physicians and licensed psychologists.'

Further amend the amendment in section 3 in paragraph B in subparagraph (3) by striking out the last sentence (page 3, lines 25 to 28 in amendment) and inserting in its place the following:
'This paragraph does not prohibit a licensed mental health provider, including a licensed clinical social worker or a licensed nurse certified as a clinical nurse specialist in psychiatric and mental health nursing, from providing the diagnosis and treatment of biologically-based mental illness within the scope of the provider's licensure and does not limit payment or reimbursement payable to a provider under this section for those services at a reimbursement level other than the level specified in this paragraph for licensed physicians and licensed psychologists.'

SENATE AMENDMENT

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L.D. 1630

2 Further amend the amendment in section 4 in paragraph B in
subparagraph (3) by striking out the last sentence (page 4, lines
27 to 30 in amendment) and inserting in its place the following:
4 'This paragraph does not prohibit a licensed mental health
6 provider, including a licensed clinical social worker or a
8 licensed nurse certified as a clinical nurse specialist in
10 psychiatric and mental health nursing, from providing the
12 diagnosis and treatment of biologically-based mental illness
14 within the scope of the provider's licensure and does not limit
payment or reimbursement payable to a provider under this section
for those services at a reimbursement level other than the level
specified in this paragraph for licensed physicians and licensed
psychologists.'

16 Further amend the amendment in section 5 in paragraph B in
subparagraph (3) by striking out the last sentence (page 5, lines
29 to 32 in amendment) and inserting in its place the following:
18 'This paragraph does not prohibit a licensed mental health
20 provider, including a licensed clinical social worker or a
22 licensed nurse certified as a clinical nurse specialist in
24 psychiatric and mental health nursing, from providing the
26 diagnosis and treatment of biologically-based mental illness
28 within the scope of the provider's licensure and does not limit
payment or reimbursement payable to a provider under this section
for those services at a reimbursement level other than the level
specified in this paragraph for licensed physicians and licensed
psychologists.'

30 Further amend the amendment in section 6 in paragraph B in
subparagraph (3) by striking out the last sentence (page 6, lines
30 to 33 in amendment) and inserting in its place the following:
32 'This paragraph does not prohibit a licensed mental health
34 provider, including a licensed clinical social worker or a
36 licensed nurse certified as a clinical nurse specialist in
38 psychiatric and mental health nursing, from providing the
40 diagnosis and treatment of biologically-based mental illness
42 within the scope of the provider's licensure and does not limit
payment or reimbursement payable to a provider under this section
for those services at a reimbursement level other than the level
specified in this paragraph for licensed physicians and licensed
psychologists.'

44 Further amend the amendment in section 7 in paragraph B in
subparagraph (3) by striking out the last sentence (page 7, lines
30 to 33 in amendment) and inserting in its place the following:
46 'This paragraph does not prohibit a licensed mental health
48 provider, including a licensed clinical social worker or a
50 licensed nurse certified as a clinical nurse specialist in
psychiatric and mental health nursing, from providing the
diagnosis and treatment of biologically-based mental illness

within the scope of the provider's licensure and does not limit
payment or reimbursement payable to a provider under this section
for those services at a reimbursement level other than the level
specified in this paragraph for licensed physicians and licensed
psychologists.'

Further amend the amendment in section 8 in paragraph B in
subparagraph (3) by striking out the last sentence (page 8, lines
32 to 35 in amendment) and inserting in its place the following:
'This paragraph does not prohibit a licensed mental health
provider, including a licensed clinical social worker or a
licensed nurse certified as a clinical nurse specialist in
psychiatric and mental health nursing, from providing the
diagnosis and treatment of biologically-based mental illness
within the scope of the provider's licensure and does not limit
payment or reimbursement payable to a provider under this section
for those services at a reimbursement level other than the level
specified in this paragraph for licensed physicians and licensed
psychologists.'

STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment clarifies that the diagnosis and treatment of
biologically-based mental illness may be performed by licensed
providers, including licensed clinical social workers and
clinical nurse specialists, if the provider is acting within the
scope of the provider's licensure. The amendment also clarifies
that payment and reimbursement for these services continues at
its current level.

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