

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 1413

By: Montgomery

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to mental health parity; defining terms; requiring Insurance Department conduct examination of mental health parity coverage; establishing findings to be promulgated in examination; requiring report be furnished to certain officials and electronically published by certain date; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 6060.11a of Title 36, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. As used in this section:

1. "Market conduct examination" means an examination of the health insurance operations of any entity administering a health benefit plan in this state as defined pursuant to subsection C of Section 6060.4 of Title 36 of the Oklahoma statutes; and

2. "Mental health parity" means the equal treatment of mental health conditions and substance use disorders in a health benefit

1 plan administered in this state as described pursuant to Section
2 6060.11 of Title 36 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

3 B. The Insurance Department is hereby directed to conduct a
4 market conduct examination to analyze the non-quantitative
5 limitations of mental health parity. The study shall include an
6 assessment of network adequacy for the purposes of reporting the
7 availability of in-network mental health providers. The Department
8 shall use annual reports provided to the Department pursuant to
9 subsection E of Section 6060.11 of Title 36 of the Oklahoma
10 Statutes.

11 C. The Department shall furnish the examination findings to the
12 President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of
13 Representatives, and the Governor, and publish the examination
14 findings on the Mental Health Parity page of the Department website
15 no later than July 1, 2023.

16 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2022.

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