

HOUSE BILL No. 1360

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 12-15-1.3-25; IC 16-18-2; IC 16-46-17.

Synopsis: Violence prevention services. Requires the office of the secretary of family and social services to, before December 1, 2023, apply to the United States Department of Health and Human Services for a waiver or an amendment to the state Medicaid plan to require reimbursement for eligible community violence prevention services provided by a certified violence prevention professional for certain eligible Medicaid recipients. Requires the Indiana department of health to approve at least one accredited violence prevention professional training and certification program (program) that includes certain criteria. Provides that in order to be certified as a violence prevention professional, a prevention professional shall complete the program.

Effective: July 1, 2023.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning human services.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 12-15-1.3-25 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
2 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023]: **Sec. 25. (a) As used in this section,**
4 **"community violence prevention services" means evidence based,**
5 **trauma informed, supportive, and nonpsychotherapeutic services**
6 **provided by a certified violence prevention professional to a victim**
7 **of community violence for the purpose of improving health**
8 **outcomes, promoting positive behavior change, preventing injury,**
9 **and reducing the likelihood of violence of the victim.**
10 **(b) The term may include the provision of the following services:**
11 **(1) Peer support.**
12 **(2) Counseling.**
13 **(3) Mentorship.**
14 **(4) Conflict mediation.**
15 **(5) Crisis intervention.**
16 **(6) Targeted case management.**
17 **(7) Referrals to certified or licensed health care or social**



1 service providers.

2 (8) Patient education.

3 (9) Screening services.

4 (c) Before December 1, 2023, the office of the secretary shall
5 apply to the United States Department of Health and Human
6 Services for a waiver or an amendment to the state Medicaid plan
7 to require reimbursement by the office of the secretary or a
8 contractor of the office of the secretary for eligible community
9 violence prevention services provided by a certified violence
10 prevention professional for an eligible Medicaid recipient who has:

11 (1) received medical treatment for an injury sustained as a
12 result of community violence;

13 (2) been determined by a certified or licensed health care or
14 social services provider to be at an elevated risk of violent
15 injury or retaliation; and

16 (3) been referred by a provider described in subdivision (2)
17 for community violence prevention services.

18 (d) The office of the secretary may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2
19 necessary to implement this section.

20 (e) This section expires December 31, 2023.

21 SECTION 2. IC 16-18-2-23.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
22 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
23 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023]: **Sec. 23.5. "Approved program", for**
24 **purposes of IC 16-46-17, has the meaning set forth in**
25 **IC 16-46-17-1.**

26 SECTION 3. IC 16-18-2-51.7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
27 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
28 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023]: **Sec. 51.7. "Certified violence**
29 **prevention professional", for purposes of IC 16-46-17, has the**
30 **meaning set forth in IC 16-46-17-2.**

31 SECTION 4. IC 16-18-2-66.2 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
32 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
33 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023]: **Sec. 66.2. "Community violence", for**
34 **purposes of IC 16-46-17, has the meaning set forth in**
35 **IC 16-46-17-3.**

36 SECTION 5. IC 16-18-2-292.2 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
37 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
38 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023]: **Sec. 292.2. "Prevention professional",**
39 **for purposes of IC 16-46-17, has the meaning set forth in**
40 **IC 16-46-17-4.**

41 SECTION 6. IC 16-46-17 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
42 AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE



1 JULY 1, 2023]:

2 **Chapter 17. Violence Prevention Professional Training Program**

3 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "approved program" refers to an**
4 **accredited training and certification program:**

5 (1) for an individual to become a certified violence prevention
6 professional; and

7 (2) that is approved by the state department under section 5
8 of this chapter.

9 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "certified violence prevention**
10 **professional" refers to a prevention professional who has**
11 **completed the requirements of an approved program.**

12 **Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "community violence" means an**
13 **intentional act of force or power that is committed:**

14 (1) against an individual;

15 (2) by another individual who is not related to or an intimate
16 partner of the individual; and

17 (3) in a public area.

18 **Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "prevention professional" means**
19 **an individual who:**

20 (1) works in a program that is designed to:

21 (A) address the specific needs of a patient, such as suicide
22 prevention, violence prevention, alcohol avoidance, and
23 tobacco prevention; and

24 (B) reduce the patient's risk of injury, relapse, or reinjury;
25 and

26 (2) provides appropriate case management, medication,
27 referral, or mentorship services to a patient;

28 as defined in the health care provider taxonomy code set published
29 by the National Uniform Claim Committee.

30 **Sec. 5. Not later than January 1, 2024, the state department**
31 **shall approve at least one (1) accredited violence prevention**
32 **professional training and certification program that includes at**
33 **least the following:**

34 (1) Thirty-five (35) hours of initial training on:

35 (A) the effects of trauma and violence;

36 (B) the essential components of trauma informed care;

37 (C) community violence prevention strategies, including
38 conflict mediation and retaliation prevention related to
39 community violence;

40 (D) case management and advocacy practice; and

41 (E) patient privacy and the federal Health Insurance
42 Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA).



1 (2) Six (6) hours of continuing education training every two
2 (2) years.
3 **Sec. 6. To be certified as a violence prevention professional, a**
4 **prevention professional shall complete:**
5 (1) the initial training described in section 5 of this chapter;
6 and
7 (2) at least six (6) hours of continuing education training every
8 two (2) years after the date on which the prevention
9 professional completed the initial training.
10 **Sec. 7. An individual may not use the title or designation**
11 **"certified violence prevention professional" to indicate or imply**
12 **that the individual is a certified violence prevention professional**
13 **unless the individual is certified by a program approved by the**
14 **state department under this chapter.**
15 **Sec. 8. An entity that employs or enters into a contract with a**
16 **certified violence prevention professional shall do the following:**
17 (1) Maintain documentation that a certified violence
18 prevention professional:
19 (A) has obtained all certification requirements; and
20 (B) meets continuing education requirements;
21 described in section 5 of this chapter.
22 (2) Ensure that a certified violence prevention professional
23 provides community violence prevention services in
24 accordance with the applicable standard of care and any state
25 or federal laws or regulations.
26 **Sec. 9. This chapter does not affect the scope of practice of a**
27 **health care professional.**
28 **Sec. 10. The state department may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2**
29 **to implement this chapter.**

