

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0122

Mental health parity.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Craft, Barbuto and  
Connolly and Senator(s) Hastert

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to health insurance; mandating coverage for  
2 specified mental illnesses under health insurance policies  
3 issued in the state; specifying applicability; providing a  
4 definition; and providing for an effective date.

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6 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 26-20-401 is created to read:

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ARTICLE 4

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INSURANCE FOR MENTAL ILLNESS

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13 **26-20-401. Required provision of individual or group**  
14 **policy or contract.**

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1           (a) All individual or group health insurance policies  
2 providing coverage on an expense incurred basis, individual  
3 and group service or indemnity type health insurance  
4 contracts issued by any insurer, including any nonprofit  
5 corporation and individual and group service contracts  
6 issued by a health maintenance organization, shall provide  
7 coverage for the treatment of mental illness that is no  
8 less extensive than the coverage provided for any other  
9 physical illness. Private third party payors shall not  
10 eliminate coverage due to the requirements of this section.

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12           (b) As used in this section, "mental illness" means  
13 an illness which is diagnosed by a licensed psychiatrist or  
14 licensed clinical psychologist meeting criteria established  
15 in the most recent edition of the diagnostic and  
16 statistical manual of mental disorders published by the  
17 American Psychiatric Association.

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19           (c) This section shall not apply to group health  
20 plans issued to employers with twenty-five (25) or fewer  
21 employees.

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23           **Section 2.** This act shall only apply to any  
24 individual or group health insurance policy or plan that is

1 delivered, issued, renewed, modified, amended or extended  
2 on or after July 1, 2012. The provisions of this act do  
3 not supercede or take precedence over federal laws  
4 governing health insurance plans.

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6 **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2012.

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