**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

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**SENATE DRSXXXX-XX-X (X/XX)**

Short Title: Psychiatric Collaborative Care. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO REQUIRE REIMBURSEMENT FOR MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER BENEFITS PROVIDED THROUGH THE PSYCHIATRIC COLLABORATIVE CARE MODEL SERVICE DELIVERY METHOD

The General Assembly of North Carolina Enacts

**Section 1.** Article 3 of Chapter 58 is amend by adding a new section to read:

**"§ 58-3-305. Psychiatric Collaborative Care Model.**

(a) All health insurance issuers that issue, sell, renew, or offer health benefit plans in the State in the individual or group market that provide mental health or substance use disorder benefits shall provide reimbursement for such benefits that are delivered through the psychiatric Collaborative Care Model, which shall include the following current procedural terminology (CPT) billing codes established by the American Medical Association (AMA):

1. 99492.
2. 99493.
3. 99494.
4. The Commissioner shall update this list of codes if there are any alterations or additions to the billing codes for the Collaborative Care Model.

(b) All health insurance issuers that issue, sell, renew, or offer health benefit plans in the State in the individual or group market that provide mental health or substance use disorder benefits may deny reimbursement of any CPT code listed in this section on the grounds of medical necessity, provided that such medical necessity determinations are in compliance with the Paul Wellstone and Pete Domenici Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008 and its implementing and related regulations, and that such determinations are made in accordance with the utilization review requirements found at G.S. 58-50-61.

(c) As used in this section, the following definitions apply:

1. "Health benefit plan" has the same meaning as in G.S. 58-3-167.
2. “Mental health and substance use disorder benefits” means benefits for the treatment of any condition or disorder that involves a mental health condition or substance use disorder that falls under any of the diagnostic categories listed in the mental disorders section of the current edition of the International Classification of Disease or that is listed in the mental disorders section of the most recent version of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders.
3. “The Psychiatric Collaborative Care Model” means the evidence-based, integrated behavioral health service delivery method described at 81 FR 80230.

**SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2019.