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Order Establishing the New Hampshire Insurance Department Advisory Committee on Insurance Coverage for Behavioral Health and Substance Use Services

I. Purpose

Pursuant to RSA 400-A:11, the Commissioner of the New Hampshire Insurance Department is creating an advisory committee on insurance coverage for behavioral health and substance use services. The purpose of the advisory committee will be to advise the Insurance Commissioner on issues related to accessing behavioral health services, including treatment for substance use disorders, through private insurance coverage. The advisory committee will serve as a forum for stakeholders to discuss issues relating to access and reimbursement for behavioral health services and advance the interested parties' collective knowledge of insurance coverage and reimbursement, treatment guidelines, and access issues relating to behavioral health treatment. The advisory committee is charged with engaging with stakeholders to find non-regulatory solutions to issues identified and to make recommendations to the Commissioner regarding issues for which no non-regulatory solution can be identified.

II. Membership

A total of 25 members will serve on the committee, all appointed by the Insurance Commissioner. The intent is to convene a broad and diverse group of stakeholders who will collectively represent a range of perspectives with respect to issues relating to accessing behavioral health services through private insurance coverage. A quorum shall consist of 9 members.

III. Procedures

The committee will meet on a periodic basis at the call of the Commissioner. All meetings will be conducted in person and will be open to the public. The NHID will share updates and information on trending issues, recent developments relating to mental health parity, and other issues relating to accessing behavioral health services through fully-insured insurance coverage. Due to the confidential nature of investigations and examinations, the NHID will not be able to discuss or provide any information on any investigation or examination.

Agendas for each meeting will be developed with member input, with each committee member having the opportunity to bring forward issues for discussion by the group.

The NHID will take minutes of each meeting, and will post the minutes on its website.

Each meeting will include an opportunity for public comment, in addition to the discussion among committee members.

SO ORDERED

Date: 12/6/23


David J. Bettencourt, Commissioner