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HOUSE BILL 259: 2023 Appropriations Act, Sec. 9E.19: Further Adjust Implementation Date for Requiring Local Management Entity/Managed Care Organizations to Pay for Behavioral Health Services Provided to Beneficiaries Awaiting Hospital Discharge

Committee:
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OVERVIEW: Section 9E.19 of S.L. 2023-134 amends Section 9D.22(f) of S.L. 2021-180, as previously amended by Section 9D.9 of S.L. 2022-74, which directed the Division of Health Benefits, Department of Health and Human Services, to develop Medicaid coverage for specified services provided to Medicaid beneficiaries in an acute hospital setting after the beneficiary has been in the care of the hospital for at least 30 hours if the beneficiary is awaiting discharge to a more appropriate setting for the treatment of behavioral health needs. This section changes the implementation date of the Medicaid coverage for the new service from December 31, 2022, to March 1, 2023, and includes language restating that standard benefit plans are not required to cover the new services.

This section became effective December 31, 2022.

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