
SENATE BILL No. 461

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 5-10-8-9.1; IC 27-8-5-28; IC 27-13-7-17.

Synopsis: Insurance coverage for social anxiety disorder. Requires a state employee health plan, a policy of accident and sickness insurance, or a health maintenance organization contract that provides mental health benefits to provide coverage for medically necessary treatment of a social anxiety disorder.

Effective: July 1, 2000.

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January 10, 2000, read first time and referred to Committee on Health and Provider Services.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 1999 General Assembly.

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

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

1 SECTION 1. IC 5-10-8-9.1 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW SECTION** TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
3 1, 2000]: **Sec. 9.1. (a) As used in this section, "social anxiety
4 disorder" means a condition that meets the criteria for a
5 generalized social phobia in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual
6 of Mental Disorders, Fourth Edition, of the American Psychiatric
7 Association.**

8 **(b) If the state provides coverage for health services under:**
9 **(1) a self-insurance program established under section 7(b) of**
10 **this chapter to provide group health coverage; or**
11 **(2) a contract that is entered into or renewed under section**
12 **7(c) of this chapter to provide health services through a**
13 **prepaid health care delivery plan;**
14 **that provides mental health benefits, the coverage must include**
15 **medically necessary treatment of a social anxiety disorder.**

16 SECTION 2. IC 27-8-5-28 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
17 AS A **NEW SECTION** TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY



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1, 2000]: **Sec. 28. (a) As used in this section, "social anxiety disorder" means a condition that meets the criteria for a generalized social phobia in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, Fourth Edition, of the American Psychiatric Association.**

(b) A policy of accident and sickness insurance that:

(1) is issued on an individual or group basis; and

(2) provides mental health benefits;

must provide coverage for medically necessary treatment of a social anxiety disorder.

SECTION 3. IC 27-13-7-17 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2000]: **Sec. 17. (a) As used in this section, "social anxiety disorder" means a condition that meets the criteria for a generalized social phobia in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, Fourth Edition, of the American Psychiatric Association.**

(b) A group contract or an individual contract with a health maintenance organization that provides mental health benefits must provide coverage for medically necessary treatment of a social anxiety disorder.

SECTION 4. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2000] **(a) IC 5-10-8-9.1, as added by this act, applies to a self-insurance program, or a contract to provide health services through a prepaid health care delivery plan, that is established, amended, entered into, delivered, or renewed after January 1, 2001.**

(b) IC 27-8-5-28, as added by this act, applies to a policy of accident and sickness insurance that is issued, delivered, amended, or renewed after January 1, 2001.

(c) IC 27-13-7-17, as added by this act, applies to an individual contract or a group contract with a health maintenance organization that is entered into, delivered, amended, or renewed after January 1, 2001.

(d) This SECTION expires June 30, 2002.

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