
OLR Bill Analysis

sSB 408

***AN ACT CONCERNING MENTAL HEALTH OPTIONS FOR ADULT
MEDICAID RECIPIENTS.***

SUMMARY:

This bill requires the social services commissioner, by October 1, 2014, to amend the Medicaid state plan to include services licensed psychologists and clinical social workers provide to Medicaid recipients who are age 21 or older. It requires him to (1) include these services as an optional service covered under Medicaid and (2) provide direct Medicaid reimbursements to the psychologists and clinical social workers who (a) are enrolled as Medicaid providers and (b) treat these Medicaid recipients in private offices not located in or affiliated with a clinic or federally qualified health center.

By law, the commissioner must submit notice of any proposed amendment to the state plan to Human Services and Appropriations committees before submitting it to the federal government.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2014

COMMITTEE ACTION

Human Services Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 18 Nay 0 (03/18/2014)