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Summary of Changes

SB 169 Medicaid: Behavioral Health Coverage

Original vsn D to vsn O(HSS) and Vsn O(HSS) to vsn U(RLS)

These changes were made from original version “D” to CS vsn “O”:

These changes were made in the SHSS Committee:

- Broadened the supervisory role by changing “psychiatrist” to “physician or an APRN certified to provide psychiatric or mental health services”
- Added 5 points that describes the responsibilities of the supervisory role:
 - (1) Provide clinical consultation or oversight to the supervisee;
 - (2) Approve behavioral health treatment plans;
 - (3) Review each case to determine the need for continued care;
 - (4) Ensure that the services provided to recipients of behavioral health clinic services are medically necessary and clinically appropriate; and
 - (5) Assume professional responsibility for the services provided

These changes were made from CS version “O”(HSS) to CS vsn “U”(RLS):

This change was made in the Senate Rules Committee:

It removed the APRN psych nurse from the bill because it did not conform to current federal law.