

40-2,105a. Kansas mental health parity act; insurance coverage for services rendered in the treatment of mental illnesses, alcoholism, drug abuse or substance use disorders; limitations. (a) (1)

Any group health insurance policy, medical service plan, contract, hospital service corporation contract, hospital and medical service corporation contract, fraternal benefit society or health maintenance organization which provides medical, surgical or hospital expense coverage shall include, coverage for diagnosis and treatment of mental illnesses and alcoholism, drug abuse or other substance use disorders. Reimbursement or indemnity shall be provided for treatment in a medical care facility licensed under the provisions of K.S.A. 65-429, and amendments thereto, treatment facilities licensed under K.S.A. 65-4605, and amendments thereto, a community mental health center or clinic licensed under the provisions of K.S.A. 75-3307b, and amendments thereto, a psychiatric hospital licensed under the provisions of K.S.A. 75-3307b, and amendments thereto, or by a physician or psychologist licensed to practice under the laws of the state of Kansas. Such coverage shall be subject to the same deductibles, copayments, coinsurance, out-of-pocket expenses, treatment limitations and other limitations as apply to other covered services.

(2) The coverage shall include treatment for in-patient care and out-patient care for mental illness, alcoholism, drug abuse or substance use disorders.

(b) For the purposes of this section, "mental illness, alcoholism, drug abuse or substance use" means any disorder as such terms are defined in the diagnostic and statistical manual of mental disorders, fourth edition, (DSM-IV, 1994) of the American psychiatric association.

(c) The provisions of this section shall be applicable to health maintenance organizations organized under article 32 of chapter 40 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated.

(d) The provisions of this section shall not apply to any small employer group policy, as defined under K.S.A. 40-2209, and amendments thereto, providing medical, surgical or hospital expense coverage or to any medicare supplement policy of insurance, as defined by the commissioner of insurance by rule and regulation.

(e) The provisions of this section shall be applicable to the Kansas state employees health care benefits program and municipal funded pools.

(f) The provisions of this section shall not apply to any policy or certificate which provides coverage for any specified disease, specified accident or accident only coverage, credit, dental, disability income, hospital indemnity, long-term care insurance as defined by K.S.A. 40-2227, and amendments thereto, vision care or any other limited supplemental benefit nor to any medicare supplement policy of insurance as defined by the commissioner of insurance by rule and regulation, any coverage issued as a supplement to liability insurance, workers compensation or similar insurance, automobile medical-payment insurance or any insurance under which benefits are payable with or without regard to fault, whether written on a group, blanket or individual basis.

(g) Treatment limitations include limits on the frequency of treatment, number of visits, days of coverage or other similar limits on the scope or duration of treatment.

(h) There shall be no coverage under the provisions of this section for any assessment against any person required by a diversion agreement or by order of a court to attend an alcohol and drug safety action program certified pursuant to K.S.A. 8-1008, and amendments thereto, or for evaluations and diagnostic tests ordered or requested in connection with criminal actions, divorce, child custody or child visitation proceedings.

(i) Utilization review for mental illness shall be consistent with provisions in K.S.A. 40-22a01 through 40-22a12, and amendments thereto.

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