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A BILL

To amend sections 1739.05, 1751.01, 3923.281, 3923.282, and 3923.51 and to repeal sections 3923.28, 3923.29, and 3923.30 of the Revised Code to prohibit discrimination in health care policies, contracts, and agreements in the coverage provided for the diagnosis and treatment of mental illnesses and substance abuse or addiction conditions. 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That sections 1739.05, 1751.01, 3923.281, 3923.282, and 3923.51 of the Revised Code be amended to read as follows: 9 10 11

Sec. 1739.05. (A) A multiple employer welfare arrangement that is created pursuant to sections 1739.01 to 1739.22 of the Revised Code and that operates a group self-insurance program may be established only if any of the following applies: 12 13 14 15

(1) The arrangement has and maintains a minimum enrollment of three hundred employees of two or more employers. 16 17

(2) The arrangement has and maintains a minimum enrollment of three hundred self-employed individuals. 18 19

(3) The arrangement has and maintains a minimum enrollment of three hundred employees or self-employed individuals in any combination of divisions (A)(1) and (2) of this section. 20 21 22

(B) A multiple employer welfare arrangement that is created pursuant to sections 1739.01 to 1739.22 of the Revised Code and that operates a group self-insurance program shall comply with all laws applicable to self-funded programs in this state, including sections 3901.04, 3901.041, 3901.19 to 3901.26, 3901.38, 3901.381 to 3901.3814, 3901.40, 3901.45, 3901.46, 3902.01 to 3902.14, 3923.282, ~~3923.30,~~ 3923.301, 3923.38, 3923.581, 3923.63, 3923.80, 3924.031, 3924.032, and 3924.27 of the Revised Code. 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30

(C) A multiple employer welfare arrangement created pursuant to sections 1739.01 to 1739.22 of the Revised Code shall solicit enrollments only through agents or solicitors licensed pursuant to Chapter 3905. of the Revised Code to sell or solicit sickness and accident insurance. 31 32 33 34 35

(D) A multiple employer welfare arrangement created pursuant to sections 1739.01 to 1739.22 of the Revised Code shall provide benefits only to individuals who are members, employees of members, or the dependents of members or employees, or are eligible for continuation of coverage under section 1751.53 or 3923.38 of the Revised Code or under Title X of the "Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985," 100 Stat. 227, 29 U.S.C.A. 1161, as amended. 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43

Sec. 1751.01. As used in this chapter: 44

(A)(1) "Basic health care services" means the following services when medically necessary: 45 46

(a) Physician's services, except when such services are supplemental under division (B) of this section; 47 48

(b) Inpatient hospital services; 49

(c) Outpatient medical services; 50

(d) Emergency health services; 51

(e) Urgent care services; 52

(f) Diagnostic laboratory services and diagnostic and 53
therapeutic radiologic services; 54

(g) Diagnostic and treatment services~~, other than~~ 55
~~prescription drug services,~~ for ~~biologically based~~ mental 56
illnesses and substance abuse and addiction conditions; 57

(h) Preventive health care services, including, but not 58
limited to, voluntary family planning services, infertility 59
services, periodic physical examinations, prenatal obstetrical 60
care, and well-child care; 61

(i) Routine patient care for patients enrolled in an eligible 62
cancer clinical trial pursuant to section 3923.80 of the Revised 63
Code. 64

"Basic health care services" does not include experimental 65
procedures. 66

Except as provided by divisions (A)(2) and (3) of this 67
section in connection with the offering of coverage for diagnostic 68
and treatment services for ~~biologically based~~ mental illnesses and 69
substance abuse and addiction conditions, a health insuring 70
corporation shall not offer coverage for a health care service, 71
defined as a basic health care service by this division, unless it 72
offers coverage for all listed basic health care services. 73
However, this requirement does not apply to the coverage of 74
beneficiaries enrolled in medicare pursuant to a medicare 75
contract, or to the coverage of beneficiaries enrolled in the 76
federal employee health benefits program pursuant to 5 U.S.C.A. 77
8905, or to the coverage of medicaid recipients, or to the 78
coverage of participants of the children's buy-in program, or to 79

the coverage of beneficiaries under any federal health care program regulated by a federal regulatory body, or to the coverage of beneficiaries under any contract covering officers or employees of the state that has been entered into by the department of administrative services.

(2) A health insuring corporation may offer coverage for diagnostic and treatment services for ~~biologically based~~ mental illnesses and substance abuse and addiction conditions without offering coverage for all other basic health care services. A health insuring corporation may offer coverage for diagnostic and treatment services for ~~biologically based~~ mental illnesses and substance abuse and addiction conditions alone or in combination with one or more supplemental health care services. However, a health insuring corporation that offers coverage for any other basic health care service shall offer coverage for diagnostic and treatment services for ~~biologically based~~ mental illnesses and substance abuse and addiction conditions in combination with the offer of coverage for all other listed basic health care services.

(3) A health insuring corporation that offers coverage for basic health care services is not required to offer coverage for diagnostic and treatment services for ~~biologically based~~ mental illnesses and substance abuse and addiction conditions in combination with the offer of coverage for all other listed basic health care services if all of the following apply:

(a) The health insuring corporation submits documentation certified by an independent member of the American academy of actuaries to the superintendent of insurance showing that incurred claims for diagnostic and treatment services for ~~biologically based~~ mental illnesses and substance abuse and addiction conditions for a period of at least six months independently caused the health insuring corporation's costs for claims and administrative expenses for the coverage of basic health care

services to increase by more than one per cent per year.

(b) The health insuring corporation submits a signed letter from an independent member of the American academy of actuaries to the superintendent of insurance opining that the increase in costs described in division (A)(3)(a) of this section could reasonably justify an increase of more than one per cent in the annual premiums or rates charged by the health insuring corporation for the coverage of basic health care services.

(c) The superintendent of insurance makes the following determinations from the documentation and opinion submitted pursuant to divisions (A)(3)(a) and (b) of this section:

(i) Incurred claims for diagnostic and treatment services for ~~biologically based~~ mental illnesses and substance abuse and addiction conditions for a period of at least six months independently caused the health insuring corporation's costs for claims and administrative expenses for the coverage of basic health care services to increase by more than one per cent per year.

(ii) The increase in costs reasonably justifies an increase of more than one per cent in the annual premiums or rates charged by the health insuring corporation for the coverage of basic health care services.

Any determination made by the superintendent under this division is subject to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.

(B)(1) "Supplemental health care services" means any health care services other than basic health care services that a health insuring corporation may offer, alone or in combination with either basic health care services or other supplemental health care services, and includes:

(a) Services of facilities for intermediate or long-term care, or both;

(b) Dental care services;

(c) Vision care and optometric services including lenses and frames;

(d) Podiatric care or foot care services;

(e) ~~Mental health services, excluding diagnostic and treatment services for biologically based mental illnesses;~~

~~(f)~~ Short-term outpatient evaluative and crisis-intervention mental health services;

~~(g) Medical or psychological treatment and referral services for alcohol and drug abuse or addiction;~~

~~(h)~~(f) Home health services;

~~(i)~~(g) Prescription drug services;

~~(j)~~(h) Nursing services;

~~(k)~~(i) Services of a dietitian licensed under Chapter 4759. of the Revised Code;

~~(l)~~(j) Physical therapy services;

~~(m)~~(k) Chiropractic services;

~~(n)~~(l) Any other category of services approved by the superintendent of insurance.

(2) If a health insuring corporation offers prescription drug services under this division, the coverage shall include prescription drug services for the treatment of ~~biologically based~~ mental illnesses and substance abuse or addiction conditions on the same terms and conditions as other physical diseases and disorders.

(C) "Specialty health care services" means one of the supplemental health care services listed in division (B) of this section, when provided by a health insuring corporation on an outpatient-only basis and not in combination with other

supplemental health care services.

(D) ~~"Biologically based mental illnesses" means schizophrenia, schizoaffective disorder, major depressive disorder, bipolar disorder, paranoia and other psychotic disorders, obsessive-compulsive disorder, and panic disorder, as these terms are defined in~~ "Mental illness" means any condition or disorder involving mental illness as defined by the most recent edition of the diagnostic and statistical manual of mental disorders published by the American psychiatric association or as defined by any diagnostic category listed in the mental disorder section of the most recent edition of the international classification of diseases.

(E) "Substance abuse or addiction condition" means any alcohol or drug related disorder as defined by the most recent edition of the diagnostic and statistical manual of mental disorders published by the American psychiatric association or as defined by a diagnostic category listed in the most recent edition of the international classification of diseases.

(F) "Children's buy-in program" has the same meaning as in section 5101.5211 of the Revised Code.

~~(F)~~(G) "Closed panel plan" means a health care plan that requires enrollees to use participating providers.

~~(G)~~(H) "Compensation" means remuneration for the provision of health care services, determined on other than a fee-for-service or discounted-fee-for-service basis.

~~(H)~~(I) "Contractual periodic prepayment" means the formula for determining the premium rate for all subscribers of a health insuring corporation.

~~(I)~~(J) "Corporation" means a corporation formed under Chapter 1701. or 1702. of the Revised Code or the similar laws of another state.

~~(J)~~(K) "Emergency health services" means those health care services that must be available on a seven-days-per-week, twenty-four-hours-per-day basis in order to prevent jeopardy to an enrollee's health status that would occur if such services were not received as soon as possible, and includes, where appropriate, provisions for transportation and indemnity payments or service agreements for out-of-area coverage.

~~(K)~~(L) "Enrollee" means any natural person who is entitled to receive health care benefits provided by a health insuring corporation.

~~(L)~~(M) "Evidence of coverage" means any certificate, agreement, policy, or contract issued to a subscriber that sets out the coverage and other rights to which such person is entitled under a health care plan.

~~(M)~~(N) "Health care facility" means any facility, except a health care practitioner's office, that provides preventive, diagnostic, therapeutic, acute convalescent, rehabilitation, mental health, mental retardation, intermediate care, or skilled nursing services.

~~(N)~~(O) "Health care services" means basic, supplemental, and specialty health care services.

~~(O)~~(P) "Health delivery network" means any group of providers or health care facilities, or both, or any representative thereof, that have entered into an agreement to offer health care services in a panel rather than on an individual basis.

~~(P)~~(Q) "Health insuring corporation" means a corporation, as defined in division ~~(I)~~(J) of this section, that, pursuant to a policy, contract, certificate, or agreement, pays for, reimburses, or provides, delivers, arranges for, or otherwise makes available, basic health care services, supplemental health care services, or specialty health care services, or a combination of basic health

care services and either supplemental health care services or specialty health care services, through either an open panel plan or a closed panel plan. 234 235 236

"Health insuring corporation" does not include a limited liability company formed pursuant to Chapter 1705. of the Revised Code, an insurer licensed under Title XXXIX of the Revised Code if that insurer offers only open panel plans under which all providers and health care facilities participating receive their compensation directly from the insurer, a corporation formed by or on behalf of a political subdivision or a department, office, or institution of the state, or a public entity formed by or on behalf of a board of county commissioners, a county board of mental retardation and developmental disabilities, an alcohol and drug addiction services board, a board of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services, or a community mental health board, as those terms are used in Chapters 340. and 5126. of the Revised Code. Except as provided by division (D) of section 1751.02 of the Revised Code, or as otherwise provided by law, no board, commission, agency, or other entity under the control of a political subdivision may accept insurance risk in providing for health care services. However, nothing in this division shall be construed as prohibiting such entities from purchasing the services of a health insuring corporation or a third-party administrator licensed under Chapter 3959. of the Revised Code. 237 238 239 240 241 242 243 244 245 246 247 248 249 250 251 252 253 254 255 256 257

~~(Q)~~(R) "Intermediary organization" means a health delivery network or other entity that contracts with licensed health insuring corporations or self-insured employers, or both, to provide health care services, and that enters into contractual arrangements with other entities for the provision of health care services for the purpose of fulfilling the terms of its contracts with the health insuring corporations and self-insured employers. 258 259 260 261 262 263 264

~~(R)~~(S) "Intermediate care" means residential care above the 265

level of room and board for patients who require personal 266
assistance and health-related services, but who do not require 267
skilled nursing care. 268

~~(S)~~(T) "Medicaid" has the same meaning as in section 5111.01 269
of the Revised Code. 270

~~(T)~~(U) "Medical record" means the personal information that 271
relates to an individual's physical or mental condition, medical 272
history, or medical treatment. 273

~~(U)~~(V) "Medicare" means the program established under Title 274
XVIII of the "Social Security Act" 49 Stat. 620 (1935), 42 U.S.C. 275
1395, as amended. 276

~~(V)~~(W)(1) "Open panel plan" means a health care plan that 277
provides incentives for enrollees to use participating providers 278
and that also allows enrollees to use providers that are not 279
participating providers. 280

(2) No health insuring corporation may offer an open panel 281
plan, unless the health insuring corporation is also licensed as 282
an insurer under Title XXXIX of the Revised Code, the health 283
insuring corporation, on June 4, 1997, holds a certificate of 284
authority or license to operate under Chapter 1736. or 1740. of 285
the Revised Code, or an insurer licensed under Title XXXIX of the 286
Revised Code is responsible for the out-of-network risk as 287
evidenced by both an evidence of coverage filing under section 288
1751.11 of the Revised Code and a policy and certificate filing 289
under section 3923.02 of the Revised Code. 290

~~(W)~~(X) "Panel" means a group of providers or health care 291
facilities that have joined together to deliver health care 292
services through a contractual arrangement with a health insuring 293
corporation, employer group, or other payor. 294

~~(X)~~(Y) "Person" has the same meaning as in section 1.59 of 295
the Revised Code, and, unless the context otherwise requires, 296

includes any insurance company holding a certificate of authority under Title XXXIX of the Revised Code, any subsidiary and affiliate of an insurance company, and any government agency.

~~(Y)~~(Z) "Premium rate" means any set fee regularly paid by a subscriber to a health insuring corporation. A "premium rate" does not include a one-time membership fee, an annual administrative fee, or a nominal access fee, paid to a managed health care system under which the recipient of health care services remains solely responsible for any charges accessed for those services by the provider or health care facility.

~~(Z)~~(AA) "Primary care provider" means a provider that is designated by a health insuring corporation to supervise, coordinate, or provide initial care or continuing care to an enrollee, and that may be required by the health insuring corporation to initiate a referral for specialty care and to maintain supervision of the health care services rendered to the enrollee.

~~(AA)~~(BB) "Provider" means any natural person or partnership of natural persons who are licensed, certified, accredited, or otherwise authorized in this state to furnish health care services, or any professional association organized under Chapter 1785. of the Revised Code, provided that nothing in this chapter or other provisions of law shall be construed to preclude a health insuring corporation, health care practitioner, or organized health care group associated with a health insuring corporation from employing certified nurse practitioners, certified nurse anesthetists, clinical nurse specialists, certified nurse midwives, dietitians, physician assistants, dental assistants, dental hygienists, optometric technicians, or other allied health personnel who are licensed, certified, accredited, or otherwise authorized in this state to furnish health care services.

~~(BB)~~(CC) "Provider sponsored organization" means a

corporation, as defined in division ~~(I)~~<u>(J)</u> of this section, that is at least eighty per cent owned or controlled by one or more hospitals, as defined in section 3727.01 of the Revised Code, or one or more physicians licensed to practice medicine or surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery under Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code, or any combination of such physicians and hospitals. Such control is presumed to exist if at least eighty per cent of the voting rights or governance rights of a provider sponsored organization are directly or indirectly owned, controlled, or otherwise held by any combination of the physicians and hospitals described in this division. 329 330 331 332 333 334 335 336 337 338 339

~~(CC)~~<u>(DD)</u> "Solicitation document" means the written materials provided to prospective subscribers or enrollees, or both, and used for advertising and marketing to induce enrollment in the health care plans of a health insuring corporation. 340 341 342 343

~~(DD)~~<u>(EE)</u> "Subscriber" means a person who is responsible for making payments to a health insuring corporation for participation in a health care plan, or an enrollee whose employment or other status is the basis of eligibility for enrollment in a health insuring corporation. 344 345 346 347 348

~~(EE)~~<u>(FF)</u> "Urgent care services" means those health care services that are appropriately provided for an unforeseen condition of a kind that usually requires medical attention without delay but that does not pose a threat to the life, limb, or permanent health of the injured or ill person, and may include such health care services provided out of the health insuring corporation's approved service area pursuant to indemnity payments or service agreements. 349 350 351 352 353 354 355 356

Sec. 3923.281. (A) As used in this section: 357

(1) ~~"Biologically based mental illness" means schizophrenia, schizoaffective disorder, major depressive disorder, bipolar~~ 358 359

~~disorder, paranoia and other psychotic disorders, obsessive-compulsive disorder, and panic disorder, as these terms are defined in~~ "Mental illness" means any condition or disorder involving mental illness as defined by the most recent edition of the diagnostic and statistical manual of mental disorders published by the American psychiatric association or as defined by any diagnostic category listed in the mental disorder section of the most recent edition of the international classification of diseases.

(2) "Policy of sickness and accident insurance" has the same meaning as in section 3923.01 of the Revised Code, but excludes any hospital indemnity, medicare supplement, long-term care, disability income, one-time-limited-duration policy of not longer than six months, supplemental benefit, or other policy that provides coverage for specific diseases or accidents only; any policy that provides coverage for workers' compensation claims compensable pursuant to Chapters 4121. and 4123. of the Revised Code; any policy that provides coverage to beneficiaries enrolled in Title XIX of the "Social Security Act," 49 Stat. 620 (1935), 42 U.S.C.A. 301, as amended, known as the medical assistance program or medicaid, as provided by the Ohio department of job and family services under Chapter 5111. of the Revised Code; and any policy that provides coverage to beneficiaries enrolled in the children's buy-in program established under sections 5101.5211 to 5101.5216 of the Revised Code.

(3) "Substance abuse or addiction condition" means any alcohol or drug related disorder as defined by the most recent edition of the diagnostic and statistical manual of mental disorders published by the American psychiatric association or as defined by a diagnostic category listed in the most recent edition of the international classification of diseases.

(B) Notwithstanding section 3901.71 of the Revised Code, and

subject to division (E) of this section, every policy of sickness and accident insurance shall provide benefits for the diagnosis and treatment of ~~biologically based~~ mental illnesses and substance abuse or addiction conditions on the same terms and conditions as, and shall provide benefits no less extensive than, those provided under the policy of sickness and accident insurance for the treatment and diagnosis of all other physical diseases and disorders, if both of the following apply:

(1) The ~~biologically based~~ mental illness or substance abuse or addiction condition is clinically diagnosed by a physician authorized under Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery; a psychologist licensed under Chapter 4732. of the Revised Code; a professional clinical counselor, professional counselor, or independent social worker licensed under Chapter 4757. of the Revised Code; or a clinical nurse specialist licensed under Chapter 4723. of the Revised Code whose nursing specialty is mental health.

(2) The prescribed treatment is not experimental or investigational, having proven its clinical effectiveness in accordance with generally accepted medical standards.

(C) Division (B) of this section applies to all coverages and terms and conditions of the policy of sickness and accident insurance, including, but not limited to, coverage of inpatient hospital services, outpatient services, and medication; maximum lifetime benefits; copayments; and individual and family deductibles.

(D) Nothing in this section shall be construed as prohibiting a sickness and accident insurance company from taking any of the following actions:

(1) Negotiating separately with mental health care providers

with regard to reimbursement rates and the delivery of health care services; 423 424

(2) Offering policies that provide benefits solely for the diagnosis and treatment of ~~biologically based~~ mental illnesses and substance abuse or addiction conditions; 425 426 427

(3) Managing the provision of benefits for the diagnosis or treatment of ~~biologically based~~ mental illnesses and substance abuse or addiction conditions through the use of pre-admission screening, by requiring beneficiaries to obtain authorization prior to treatment, or through the use of any other mechanism designed to limit coverage to that treatment determined to be necessary; 428 429 430 431 432 433 434

(4) Enforcing the terms and conditions of a policy of sickness and accident insurance. 435 436

(E) An insurer that offers any policy of sickness and accident insurance is not required to provide benefits for the diagnosis and treatment of ~~biologically based~~ mental illnesses and substance abuse or addiction conditions pursuant to division (B) of this section if all of the following apply: 437 438 439 440 441

(1) The insurer submits documentation certified by an independent member of the American academy of actuaries to the superintendent of insurance showing that incurred claims for diagnostic and treatment services for ~~biologically based~~ and substance abuse or addiction conditions mental illnesses for a period of at least six months independently caused the insurer's costs for claims and administrative expenses for the coverage of all other physical diseases and disorders to increase by more than one per cent per year. 442 443 444 445 446 447 448 449 450

(2) The insurer submits a signed letter from an independent member of the American academy of actuaries to the superintendent of insurance opining that the increase described in division 451 452 453

(E)(1) of this section could reasonably justify an increase of more than one per cent in the annual premiums or rates charged by the insurer for the coverage of all other physical diseases and disorders.

(3) The superintendent of insurance makes the following determinations from the documentation and opinion submitted pursuant to divisions (E)(1) and (2) of this section:

(a) Incurred claims for diagnostic and treatment services for ~~biologically based~~ mental illnesses and substance abuse or addiction conditions for a period of at least six months independently caused the insurer's costs for claims and administrative expenses for the coverage of all other physical diseases and disorders to increase by more than one per cent per year.

(b) The increase in costs reasonably justifies an increase of more than one per cent in the annual premiums or rates charged by the insurer for the coverage of all other physical diseases and disorders.

Any determination made by the superintendent under this division is subject to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3923.282. (A) As used in this section:

(1) ~~"Biologically based mental illness" means schizophrenia, schizoaffective disorder, major depressive disorder, bipolar disorder, paranoia and other psychotic disorders, obsessive-compulsive disorder, and panic disorder, as these terms are defined in~~ "Mental illness" means any condition or disorder involving mental illness as defined by the most recent edition of the diagnostic and statistical manual of mental disorders published by the American psychiatric association or as defined by any diagnostic category listed in the mental disorder section of

the most recent edition of the international classification of diseases.

(2) "Plan of health coverage" includes any private or public employer group self-insurance plan that provides payment for health care benefits for other than specific diseases or accidents only, which benefits are not provided by contract with a sickness and accident insurer or health insuring corporation.

(3) "Substance abuse or addiction condition" means any alcohol or drug related disorder as defined by the most recent edition of the diagnostic and statistical manual of mental disorders published by the American psychiatric association or as defined by a diagnostic category listed in the most recent edition of the international classification of diseases.

(B) Notwithstanding section 3901.71 of the Revised Code, and subject to division (F) of this section, each plan of health coverage shall provide benefits for the diagnosis and treatment of ~~biologically based~~ mental illnesses and substance abuse or addiction conditions on the same terms and conditions as, and shall provide benefits no less extensive than, those provided under the plan of health coverage for the treatment and diagnosis of all other physical diseases and disorders, if both of the following apply:

(1) The ~~biologically based~~ mental illness or substance abuse or addiction condition is clinically diagnosed by a physician authorized under Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery; a psychologist licensed under Chapter 4732. of the Revised Code; a professional clinical counselor, professional counselor, or independent social worker licensed under Chapter 4757. of the Revised Code; or a clinical nurse specialist licensed under Chapter 4723. of the Revised Code whose nursing specialty is mental health.

(2) The prescribed treatment is not experimental or investigational, having proven its clinical effectiveness in accordance with generally accepted medical standards. 516 517 518

(C) Division (B) of this section applies to all coverages and terms and conditions of the plan of health coverage, including, but not limited to, coverage of inpatient hospital services, outpatient services, and medication; maximum lifetime benefits; copayments; and individual and family deductibles. 519 520 521 522 523

(D) This section does not apply to a plan of health coverage if federal law supersedes, preempts, prohibits, or otherwise precludes its application to such plans. This section does not apply to long-term care, hospital indemnity, disability income, or medicare supplement plans of health coverage, or to any other supplemental benefit plans of health coverage. 524 525 526 527 528 529

(E) Nothing in this section shall be construed as prohibiting an employer from taking any of the following actions in connection with a plan of health coverage: 530 531 532

(1) Negotiating separately with mental health care providers with regard to reimbursement rates and the delivery of health care services; 533 534 535

(2) Managing the provision of benefits for the diagnosis or treatment of ~~biologically based~~ mental illnesses <u>and substance abuse or addiction conditions</u> through the use of pre-admission screening, by requiring beneficiaries to obtain authorization prior to treatment, or through the use of any other mechanism designed to limit coverage to that treatment determined to be necessary; 536 537 538 539 540 541 542

(3) Enforcing the terms and conditions of a plan of health coverage. 543 544

(F) An employer that offers a plan of health coverage is not required to provide benefits for the diagnosis and treatment of 545 546

~~biologically based~~ mental illnesses and substance abuse or addiction conditions in combination with benefits for the treatment and diagnosis of all other physical diseases and disorders as described in division (B) of this section if both of the following apply:

(1) The employer submits documentation certified by an independent member of the American academy of actuaries to the superintendent of insurance showing that incurred claims for diagnostic and treatment services for ~~biologically based~~ mental illnesses and substance abuse or addiction conditions for a period of at least six months independently caused the employer's costs for claims and administrative expenses for the coverage of all other physical diseases and disorders to increase by more than one per cent per year.

(2) The superintendent of insurance determines from the documentation and opinion submitted pursuant to division (F) of this section, that incurred claims for diagnostic and treatment services for ~~biologically based~~ mental illnesses and substance abuse or addiction conditions for a period of at least six months independently caused the employer's costs for claims and administrative expenses for the coverage of all other physical diseases and disorders to increase by more than one per cent per year.

Any determination made by the superintendent under this division is subject to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3923.51. (A) As used in this section, "official poverty line" means the poverty line as defined by the United States office of management and budget and revised by the secretary of health and human services under 95 Stat. 511, 42 U.S.C.A. 9902, as amended.

(B) Every insurer that is authorized to write sickness and

accident insurance in this state may offer group contracts of 578
sickness and accident insurance to any charitable foundation that 579
is certified as exempt from taxation under section 501(c)(3) of 580
the "Internal Revenue Code of 1986," 100 Stat. 2085, 26 U.S.C.A. 581
1, as amended, and that has the sole purpose of issuing 582
certificates of coverage under these contracts to persons under 583
the age of nineteen who are members of families that have incomes 584
that are no greater than three hundred per cent of the official 585
poverty line. 586

(C) Contracts offered pursuant to division (B) of this 587
section are not subject to any of the following: 588

(1) Sections 3923.122, 3923.24, ~~3923.28,~~ and 3923.281~~, and~~ 589
~~3923.29~~ of the Revised Code; 590

(2) Any other sickness and accident insurance coverage 591
required under this chapter on August 3, 1989. Any requirement of 592
sickness and accident insurance coverage enacted after that date 593
applies to this section only if the subsequent enactment 594
specifically refers to this section. 595

(3) Chapter 1751. of the Revised Code. 596

Section 2. That existing sections 1739.05, 1751.01, 3923.281, 597
3923.282, and 3923.51 and sections 3923.28, 3923.29, and 3923.30 598
of the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 599

Section 3. Section 1751.01 of the Revised Code is presented 600
in this act as a composite of the section as amended by both Am. 601
Sub. H.B. 562 and Sub. S.B. 186 of the 127th General Assembly. The 602
General Assembly, applying the principle stated in division (B) of 603
section 1.52 of the Revised Code that amendments are to be 604
harmonized if reasonably capable of simultaneous operation, finds 605
that the composite is the resulting version of the section in 606
effect prior to the effective date of the section as presented in 607

this act. 608