SENATE Substitute for HOUSE BILL No. 2033

An Act concerning insurance; providing coverage for certain mental health conditions; amending K.S.A. 40-2,103, 40-2,105 and 40-19c09 and repealing the existing sections.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

New Section 1. (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 coverage for mental health benefits and which is delivered, issued for delivery, amended or renewed on or after January 1, 2002, shall include coverage for diagnosis and treatment of mental illnesses. Except as provided in paragraph (2), such coverage shall be subject to the same deductibles, coinsurance and other limitations as apply to other covered services.

(2) The coverage required by paragraph (1) shall include annual coverage for both 45 days of in-patient care for mental illness and for 45 visits for out-patient care for mental illness.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of K.S.A. 40-2249a, and amendments thereto, the state insurance department shall deliver to the president of the senate and to the speaker of the house of representatives on or before January 1, 2003, a report indicating the impact of providing mental illness benefits required by this act. Such report shall include information regarding access to and usage of such services and the cost of such services.

(c) For the purposes of this section, “mental illness” means the following: Schizophrenia, schizoaffective disorder, schizophreniform disorder, brief reactive psychosis, paranoid or delusional disorder, atypical psychosis, major affective disorders (bipolar and major depression), cyclothymic and dysthymic disorders, obsessive compulsive disorder, panic disorder, pervasive developmental disorder, including autism, attention deficit disorder and attention deficit hyperactive 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 but shall not include conditions not attributable to a mental disorder that are a focus of attention or treatment.

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

(e) The provisions of this section shall not apply to any Medicare supplement policy of insurance, as defined by the commissioner of insurance by rule and regulation.

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

(g) 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.

(h) From and after January 1, 2002, the provisions of K.S.A. 40-2,105, and amendments thereto, shall not apply to mental illnesses as defined in this act.

(i) There shall be no coverage under this section for evaluations and diagnostic tests ordered or requested in connection with criminal actions, divorce, child custody or child visitation proceedings.

New Sec. 2. On and after January 1, 2002, any group health insurance policy, nonprofit medical and hospital service corporation contract, fraternal benefit society, health maintenance organization, municipal group funded pool and state employee benefit program which provides coverage for prescription drugs, other than prescription drugs administered in a hospital or physician’s office shall provide coverage for psychotherapeutic drugs used for the treatment of mental illness under terms
and conditions no less favorable than coverage provided for other prescription drugs.

New Sec. 3. The provisions of K.S.A. 40-2249a, and amendments thereto, shall not apply to this act.

Sec. 4. On and after January 1, 2002, K.S.A. 40-2,103 is hereby amended to read as follows: 40-2,103. The requirements of K.S.A. 40-2,100, 40-2,101, 40-2,102, 40-2,104, 40-2,105, 40-2,114 and 40-2250, and amendments thereto and K.S.A. 40-2,160 and 40-2,165 through 40-2,170, inclusive, 40-2250, section 1 and section 2, and amendments thereto, shall apply to all insurance policies, subscriber contracts or certificates of insurance delivered, renewed or issued for delivery within or outside of this state or used within this state by or for an individual who resides or is employed in this state.

Sec. 5. On and after January 1, 2002, K.S.A. 40-2,105 is hereby amended to read as follows: 40-2,105. (a) On or after the effective date of this act, every insurer which issues any individual or group policy of accident and sickness insurance providing medical, surgical or hospital expense coverage for other than specific diseases or accidents only and which provides for reimbursement or indemnity for services rendered to a person covered by such policy in a medical care facility, must provide for reimbursement or indemnity under such individual policy or under such group policy, except as provided in subsection (d), which shall be limited to not less than 30 days per year when such person is confined for treatment of alcoholism, drug abuse or nervous or mental conditions in a medical care facility licensed under the provisions of K.S.A. 65-429 and amendments thereto, a treatment facility for alcoholics licensed under the provisions of K.S.A. 65-4014 and amendments thereto, a treatment facility for drug abusers licensed under the provisions of 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 or a psychiatric hospital licensed under the provisions of K.S.A. 75-3307b and amendments thereto. Such individual policy or such group policy shall also provide for reimbursement or indemnity, except as provided in subsection (d), of the costs of treatment of such person for alcoholism, drug abuse and nervous or mental conditions, limited to not less than 100% of the first $100, 80% of the next $100 and 50% of the next $1,640 in any year and limited to not less than $7,500 in such person’s lifetime, in the facilities enumerated when confinement is not necessary for the treatment or by a physician licensed or psychologist licensed to practice under the laws of the state of Kansas.

(b) For the purposes of this section “nervous or mental conditions” means disorders specified in the diagnostic and statistical manual of mental disorders, fourth edition, (DSM-IV, 1994) of the American psychiatric association but shall not include conditions, (1) Not attributable to a mental disorder that are a focus of attention or treatment (DSM-IV, 1994); and (2) defined as a mental illness in section 1 and amendments thereto.

(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) 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.

(e) The provisions of this section shall not apply to any medicare supplement policy of insurance, as defined by the commissioner of insurance by rule and regulation.

(f) The provisions of this section shall be applicable to the Kansas state employees health care benefits program developed and provided by the Kansas state employees health care commission.

(g) The outpatient coverage provisions of this section shall not apply to a high deductible health plan as defined in Section 301 of P.L. 104-191 and any amendments thereto if such plan is purchased in connection with a medical savings account pursuant to that act. After the amount of eligible deductible expenses have been paid by the insured, the outpatient
costs of treatment of the insured for alcoholism, drug abuse and nervous or mental conditions shall be paid on the same level they are provided for a medical condition, subject to the yearly and lifetime maximums provided in subsection (a).


(b) No policy, agreement, contract or certificate issued by a corporation to which this section applies shall contain a provision which excludes, limits or otherwise restricts coverage because medicaid benefits as permitted by title XIX of the social security act of 1965 are or may be available for the same accident or illness.

(c) Violation of subsection (b) shall be subject to the penalties prescribed by K.S.A. 40-2407 and 40-2411, and amendments thereto.

New Sec. 7. Sections 1, 2 and 3, and amendments thereto, shall be known as the Kansas mental health parity act.

Sec. 8. On January 1, 2002, K.S.A. 40-2-103, 40-2-105 and 40-19c09 are hereby repealed.

Sec. 9. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.

I hereby certify that the above bill originated in the House, and passed that body

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Speaker of the House.

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Chief Clerk of the House.

Passed the Senate as amended

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President of the Senate.

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Secretary of the Senate.

APPROVED

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Governor.