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**Senator Lincoln Fillmore** proposes the following substitute bill:

## MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IN SCHOOLS

2019 GENERAL SESSION STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Lincoln Fillmore** 

House Sponsor: \{ \text{Susan Pulsipher}}

## **LONG TITLE**

## **General Description:**

This bill enacts provisions relating to coverage of certain mental health services by the Medicaid program and certain health insurers.

## **Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- requires the Department of Health to develop a proposal and submit a state plan amendment to allow the state Medicaid program to be billed for certain mental health services provided in a public school; { and}
- ▶ prohibits certain health benefit plans offered on or after January 1, 2020, from denying a claim for mental health services solely because they are provided by a public school employee or in a public school :: and
- prohibits a local education agency from billing for certain health care services.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

**Other Special Clauses:** 

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:** 

**ENACTS:** 

**26-18-419**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

**31A-22-650**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

**53G-7-217**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:* 

Section 1. Section 26-18-419 is enacted to read:

**<u>26-18-419.</u>** Medicaid waiver for coverage of mental health services in schools.

- (1) As used in this section, "local education agency" means:
- (a) a school district;
- (b) a charter school; or
- (c) the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind.
- (2) In consultation with the Department of Human Services and the State Board of Education, the department shall develop a proposal to allow the state Medicaid program to reimburse a local education agency, a local mental health authority, or a private provider for covered mental health services provided:
  - (a) in accordance with Section 53E-9-203; and
  - (b) (i) at a local education agency building or facility; or
  - (ii) by an employee or contractor of a local education agency.
- (3) Before January 1, 2020, the department shall apply to CMS for a state plan amendment to implement the coverage described in Subsection (2).

Section 2. Section **31A-22-650** is enacted to read:

31A-22-650. Coverage for mental health services in schools.

- (1) As used in this section, "local education agency" means:
- (a) a school district;
- (b) a charter school; or

- (c) the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind.
- (2) A health benefit plan that is entered into or renewed on or after January 1, 2020, may not deny a claim for a covered mental health service solely because the mental health service is provided:
  - (a) at a local education agency building or facility; or
  - (b) by an employee or contractor <del>{or}of</del> a local education agency.
  - (3) Nothing in this section:
  - (a) prohibits a health benefit plan from denying a claim:
  - (i) by an individual that is not a licensed health care provider;
- (ii) by a health care provider practicing outside the health care provider's scope of practice:
  - (iii) that is submitted by a person that is not a network provider;
- (iv) for a mental health service that is not medically necessary as determined by the health benefit plan; or
  - (v) that does not otherwise comply with the health benefit plan's policies; or
  - (b) requires a health benefit plan to pay a claim for a service that is:
- (i) provided under an individualized education program as defined in Section 53E-4-301; or
  - (ii) administrative in nature to the local education agency.

Section 3. Section **53G-7-217** is enacted to read:

## 53G-7-217. Prohibition on billing for certain health care services.

A local education agency, or an employee or contractor of a local education agency, may not bill:

- (1) a health benefit plan as defined in Section 31A-1-301, for any service that is:
- (a) provided under an individualized education program as defined in Section

## 53E-4-301; or

- (b) administrative in nature to the local education agency; or
- (2) a student or a student's family for a service that is:
- (a) performed by the local education agency or an employee or contractor of a local education agency; and
  - (b) not covered by the student's health benefit plan.