



State of Wisconsin  
2017 - 2018 LEGISLATURE

January 2017 Special Session

LRBa0180/1  
TJD:kjf

**ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 1,  
TO ASSEMBLY BILL 8**

March 27, 2017 - Offered by JOINT COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

1 At the locations indicated, amend the bill as follows:

2 **1.** Page 1, line 2: after “programs” insert “, coverage of mental health services  
3 and addiction treatment under the Medical Assistance program and health  
4 insurance policies and plans,”.

5 **2.** Page 1, line 3: before that line insert:

6 “**SECTION 1d.** 49.46 (2) (bh) of the statutes is created to read:

7 49.46 **(2)** (bh) Benefits provided under par. (b) shall include inpatient and  
8 outpatient care provided to evaluate, diagnose, and treat a mental health condition  
9 or substance use disorder, including behavioral health treatment such as  
10 psychotherapy and counseling, mental and behavioral health inpatient services, and  
11 treatment of a substance use disorder.”.

12 **3.** Page 2, line 5: after that line insert:

1           “**SECTION 1m.** 609.716 of the statutes is created to read:

2           **609.716 Coverage of mental health services and substance use**  
3 **disorder treatment.** Defined network plans and preferred provider plans are  
4 subject to s. 632.895 (14d).

5           **SECTION 1r.** 632.895 (14d) of the statutes is created to read:

6           **632.895 (14d) MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT.** Every  
7 disability insurance policy and every self-insured health plan of the state or of a  
8 county, city, town, village, or school district shall provide coverage for inpatient and  
9 outpatient care provided to evaluate, diagnose, and treat a mental health condition  
10 or substance use disorder, including behavioral health treatment, such as  
11 psychotherapy and counseling, mental and behavioral health inpatient services, and  
12 substance use disorder treatment. Coverage required under this subsection includes  
13 coverage for preexisting mental health conditions and substance use disorders an  
14 individual has before the first date of coverage by the policy or plan. Mental health  
15 parity and cost-sharing equity requirements in s. 632.89 (2) and (3) apply to the  
16 coverage required under this subsection.”.

17           **4.** Page 2, line 14: after that line insert:

18           “**SECTION 2g. Initial applicability.**

19           (1) INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT.

20           (a) For policies and plans containing provisions inconsistent with this act, the  
21 treatment of sections 609.716 and 632.895 (14d) of the statutes first applies to policy  
22 or plan years beginning on January 1 of the year following the year in which this  
23 paragraph takes effect, except as provided in paragraph (b).

