



State of Wisconsin
2023 - 2024 LEGISLATURE

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DOA:.....Lessner, BB0186 - Qualified treatment trainee coverage requirement

FOR 2023-2025 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

AN ACT ...; **relating to:** the budget.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

INSURANCE

Coverage of treatment or services provided by qualified treatment trainees

This bill prohibits any health insurance plan from excluding coverage for mental health or behavioral health treatment or services provided by a qualified treatment trainee within the scope of the qualified treatment trainee's education and training if the health insurance plan covers the mental health or behavioral health treatment or services when provided by another health care provider. Qualified treatment trainee is defined under current law to mean either a graduate student who is enrolled in an accredited institution in psychology, counseling, marriage and family therapy, social work, nursing or a closely related field, or a person with a graduate degree from an accredited institution and course work in psychology, counseling, marriage and family therapy, social work, nursing or a closely related field who has not yet completed the applicable supervised practice requirements described under the administrative code.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 609.713 of the statutes is created to read:

609.713 Qualified treatment trainee coverage. Limited service health organizations, preferred provider plans, and defined network plans are subject to s. 632.87 (7).

SECTION 2. 632.87 (7) of the statutes is created to read:

632.87 (7) (a) In this subsection:

1. "Health care provider" has the meaning given in s. 146.81 (1) (a) to (hp).
2. "Qualified treatment trainee" has the meaning given in s. DHS 35.03 (17m).

(b) No policy, plan, or contract may exclude coverage for mental health or behavioral health treatment or services provided by a qualified treatment trainee within the scope of the qualified treatment trainee's education and training if the policy, plan, or contract covers the mental health or behavioral health treatment or services when provided by another health care provider.

SECTION 9323. Initial applicability; Insurance.

(1) QUALIFIED TREATMENT TRAINEE COVERAGE.

(a) For policies and plans containing provisions inconsistent with this section, the treatment of s. 632.87 (7) first applies to policy or plan years beginning on January 1 of the year following the year in which this paragraph takes effect, except as provided in par. (b).

(b) For policies and plans that are affected by a collective bargaining agreement containing provisions inconsistent with this section, the treatment of s. 632.87 (7) first applies to policy or plan years beginning on the effective date of this paragraph or on the day on which the collective bargaining agreement is entered into, extended, modified, or renewed, whichever is later.

SECTION 9423. Effective dates; Insurance.

(1) **QUALIFIED TREATMENT TRAINEE COVERAGE.** The treatment of s. 632.87 (7) and SECTION 9323 (1) of this act take effect on the first day of the 4th month beginning after publication.

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