

HB 3095 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Health Care

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires the Department of Human Services (DHS) to increase fee-for-service rate for behavioral health providers that participated in Medicaid by 35percent on January 1, 2020. Requires DHS to adjust fee-for-service rate every two years to reflect increases in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers, West Region as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Directs DHS to report to the Legislative Assembly by September 15 of each odd-numbered year the impacts of reimbursement on patient access and outcomes.

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued.

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

According to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), Medicaid is the largest payer for mental health services in the United States and plays a significant role in the reimbursement of substance use disorder services. CMS states that individuals with a behavioral health disorder utilize significant health care services with approximately 12 million visits to U.S. hospital emergency departments in 2007 that involved individuals with a mental disorder, substance abuse problem, or both.

House Bill 3095 directs DHS to increase reimbursement rates for behavioral health providers that serve Medicaid enrollees in fee-for-service.