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The 2026 Behavioral Health Protection Bill builds on proven reforms advanced in 2025 by strengthening parity protections and audit safeguards without adding state cost. The bill restores balance between insurers and behavioral health providers by increasing transparency, establishing reasonable and predictable audit timelines, limiting excessive clawback periods, and preventing penalties based solely on minor clerical errors. It also expands regulatory visibility into medical management practices that function as de facto utilization control rather than quality oversight.