

AMENDMENTS TO LB 563

1           1.     Strike section 1 and insert the following new  
2 section:

3           "Section 1.   Section 44-793, Revised Statutes Supplement,  
4 2000, is amended to read:

5           44-793.   (1) On or after January 1, 2000, notwithstanding  
6 section 44-3,131, any health insurance plan delivered, issued, or  
7 renewed in this state (a) if coverage is provided for treatment of  
8 mental health conditions other than alcohol or substance abuse, (i)  
9 shall not establish any rate, term, or condition that places a  
10 greater financial burden on an insured for access to treatment for  
11 a serious mental illness than for access to treatment for a  
12 physical health condition and (ii)(A) if an out-of-pocket limit is  
13 established for physical health conditions, shall apply such  
14 out-of-pocket limit as a single comprehensive out-of-pocket limit  
15 for both physical health conditions and mental health conditions  
16 and (B) if a copayment or coinsurance is required, shall apply such  
17 copayment or coinsurance against the out-of-pocket limit described  
18 in subdivision (1)(a)(ii)(A) of this section in the same manner for  
19 both physical health conditions and mental health conditions, or  
20 (b) if no coverage is to be provided for treatment of mental health  
21 conditions, shall provide clear and prominent notice of such  
22 noncoverage in the plan.

23           (2) If a health insurance plan provides coverage for  
24 serious mental illness, the health insurance plan shall cover

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1 health care rendered for treatment of serious mental illness (a) by  
2 a mental health professional, (b) by a person authorized by the  
3 rules and regulations of the Department of Health and Human  
4 Services Regulation and Licensure to provide treatment for mental  
5 illness, (c) in a mental health center as defined in section  
6 71-423, or (d) in any other health care facility licensed under the  
7 Health Care Facility Licensure Act that provides a program for the  
8 treatment of a mental health condition pursuant to a written plan.  
9 The issuer of a health insurance plan may require a health care  
10 provider under this subsection to enter into a contract as a  
11 condition of providing benefits.

12 (3) The Director of Insurance may disapprove any plan  
13 that the director determines to be inconsistent with the purposes  
14 of this section."