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Brief Title: Providing requirements for mental health utilization review.

**SB 5665 - DIGEST**

(SEE ALSO PROPOSED 1ST SUB)

Provides that every health carrier that provides coverage for any outpatient mental health service shall clearly disclose in any document that describes its covered benefits any mental health services or diagnoses that are excluded from coverage that are listed in the current version of the diagnostic and statistical manual, and a specific description of how the outpatient mental health services are managed.

Requires that every health carrier that provides coverage for outpatient mental health services shall exclude a minimum of twelve outpatient services from utilization review of any type, except that requirements for preauthorization or other similar gatekeeper provisions are allowable.