
SENATE BILL 5863

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By Senator Miloscia

1 AN ACT Relating to requiring adoption of outcome and performance
2 measures to evaluate substance use disorder treatment providers; and
3 adding a new section to chapter 71.24 RCW.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 71.24
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1) The department shall establish outcome and performance
8 measures for the management of substance use disorder treatment
9 services for clients with publicly funded medical coverage through
10 its contracts with behavioral health organizations according to the
11 timeline below.

12 (2) By January 1, 2018, contracts between behavioral health
13 organizations and substance use disorder treatment providers must
14 require that the programs be managed with the outcome goal of
15 elimination of disordered substance use for clients. Disordered
16 substance use means any use of a substance which is prohibited by
17 state law or which leads to clinically significant impairment or
18 distress. By December 1, 2017, the department shall establish a
19 standard means by which an approved substance use disorder treatment
20 program certified by the department must measure the presence of

1 disordered substance use for clients with publicly funded medical
2 coverage.

3 (3) By March 1, 2018, the department must require collection and
4 reporting of data at specified intervals by rule relating to
5 disordered substance use among clients with publicly funded medical
6 coverage to commence. This data shall be collected by providers
7 measuring the status of current and former clients at intervals of
8 six months and twelve months following initiation of treatment, and
9 at other times that may be established by the department by rule, and
10 reported to the department. Data collected through the end of 2018
11 must be used to establish baseline performance data for substance use
12 disorder treatment system providers. The department must share
13 performance data collected with behavioral health organizations.

14 (4) Starting January 1, 2019, the department must require
15 behavioral health organizations to utilize performance-based
16 contracts with substance use disorder treatment providers in their
17 network which require the providers to achieve performance targets
18 for elimination of disordered substance use among clients who receive
19 publicly funded substance use disorder treatment. The contracts must
20 be structured to tie provider payment to the achievement of
21 performance improvement goals.

22 (5) Contract terms established under subsection (4) of this
23 section must not penalize a provider for serving high acuity clients
24 or provide a financial incentive to withhold medically necessary care
25 to individual clients. The department must provide technical
26 assistance to behavioral health organizations to develop standard
27 contract terms that fulfill the requirements of this section.

28 (6) By ninety days after the effective date of this section, the
29 department must establish an annual reporting schedule to the
30 governor and relevant committees of the legislature to describe its
31 progress and the performance of substance use disorder treatment
32 providers measured under this section.

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