

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0109

Mental health insurance parity.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Warren

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to health insurance; mandating coverage for
2 biologically based mental illnesses under health insurance
3 policies issued in the state as specified; specifying
4 applicability; and providing for an effective date.

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6 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 26-20-301 is created to read:

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10 ARTICLE 3

11 INSURANCE FOR BIOLOGICALLY BASED MENTAL ILLNESS

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13 **26-20-301. Required provision of individual or group**
14 **policy or contract.**

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16 (a) Any individual or group hospital or medical
17 insurance policy or hospital service plan contract or

1 medical service plan contract delivered or issued for
2 delivery in this state shall provide coverage for the
3 treatment of biologically based mental illness that is no
4 less extensive than the coverage provided for any other
5 physical illness.

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7 (b) As used in this section, "biologically based
8 mental illness" means schizophrenia, schizoaffective
9 disorder, bipolar affective disorder, major depressive
10 disorder, specific obsessive-compulsive disorder and panic
11 disorder.

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13 **Section 2.** This act shall apply to any individual or
14 group health insurance policy or plan that is delivered,
15 issued, renewed, modified, amended or extended on or after
16 July 1, 2003. The provisions of this act do not supersede
17 or take precedence over federal laws governing health
18 insurance plans.

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20 **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2003.

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