

Title: Coverage of Medications

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House Action:

Whereas, the outcomes of treatment of substance use disorders compare favorably with the outcomes of treatment of other chronic recurring diseases, such as hypertension, asthma and diabetes, and

Whereas, several other states have already passed either limited or comprehensive parity (equal coverage with other diagnoses) legislation, and

Whereas, all federal employees enjoy the benefits of full mental illness and substance use disorder parity, and

Whereas, shifting the cost of treatment for mental illness and substance abuse disorders away from government to the private sector will greatly reduce the burden that is currently on state and federal payment systems, and

Whereas, the Rand Study in California showed that every dollar spent on the treatment of substance abuse disorders result in overall savings of at least seven dollars, and

Whereas, studies have shown that the increase in cost to the average person who is covered by insurance that will be brought about by full parity will be about \$1.00 per month; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That MSMS will bring the full weight of its support to advocate that substance use disorders be included in any final package of parity bills in the state Senate and House of Representatives.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE