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Introduced by M. of A. TAPIA -- read once and referred to the Committee on Health

AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to authorizing Medicaid reimbursement for mental health clubhouses

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. The social services law is amended by adding a new section 368-g to read as follows:

§ 368-g. Reimbursement for mental health clubhouses. 1. For the purposes of this section, the term "mental health clubhouse" or "clubhouse" means a facility that:

(a) is accredited, or is in the process of becoming accredited, by a recognized body or bodies approved by the office of mental health;

(b) addresses psychosocial deficits and social determinants of health;

(c) uses a therapeutic approach that emphasizes purposeful engagement, relationship development, and mutual support for people with serious mental illness;

(d) has members and program staff work side by side to build and manage a non-clinical therapeutic community;

(e) offers members a community-based rehabilitative environment that both addresses psychosocial needs of people living with serious mental illness and provides structures that offer support in natural, community environments;

(f) offers support services for employment, education, health care, housing, and other services to broadly address health-related social care needs;

(g) is an essential part of the continuum of care and works in tandem with other medical and behavioral health services;

(h) relies on the restorative power of work and work-mediated relationships to build a firm foundation for growth and individual achievement for members;

EXPLANATION--Matter in *italics* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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(i) emphasizes strengths-based teamwork and opportunities to contribute to operations through a work-ordered day; and

(j) offers social and community-based recreational opportunities to contribute to a member's path and success in recovery.

2. The department, in consultation with the office of mental health, shall authorize Medicaid reimbursement for services provided by mental health clubhouses as defined in subdivision one of this section.

3. In alignment with the clubhouse model's holistic therapeutic environment, services eligible for reimbursement shall adhere to the standards set forth by Clubhouse International and shall include, but shall not be limited to:

(a) psychosocial rehabilitation;

(b) vocational and educational support;

(c) crisis support;

(d) housing assistance;

(e) mitigating loneliness and social isolation;

(f) peer support;

(g) case management; and

(h) health promotion.

4. The department shall establish a reimbursement mechanism for mental health clubhouses that recognizes the holistic nature of the clubhouse model, such as use of the H2031 billing code, and implement a standardized per diem rate for services provided under this designation. Such reimbursement shall be made available under the state Medicaid plan subject to approval by the United States department of health and human services.

5. The office of mental health, in consultation with the department and accredited clubhouses, shall adopt any rules and regulations necessary to implement this section, including the development of provider certification standards, service delivery criteria, and reimbursement methodologies.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.