

## Here is a summary of changes to Illinois' Mental Health Parity Law:

- Amends the State Employees Group Insurance Act of 1971, the Counties Code, the Illinois Municipal Code, and the School Code. Requires the Department of Insurance to enforce provisions concerning required health benefits.
- Amends the Illinois Insurance Code in relation to coverage for mental and emotional disorders.
- Expands certain coverage requirements to individual policies.
- **Provides that "mental, emotional, nervous, or substance use disorder or condition" means any of the conditions or disorders that fall under the diagnostic categories listed in the mental and behavioral disorders chapter of the most current version of the International Classification of Disease or that are listed in the most recent version of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders and makes conforming changes.**
  - **Includes Autism Spectrum Disorder**
- Extends the coverage requirements to policies offered through the health insurance marketplace.
- **Provides for State enforcement of the federal Paul Wellstone and Pete Domenici Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008. (federal MHP law)**
- Provides for enforcement by the Department of Insurance and the Department of Healthcare and Family Services.
- Provides for fines and penalties to be deposited into the Parity Advancement Fund, which was the Parity Education Fund and makes a conforming change in the State Finance Act.
- Provides requirements for certain insurers concerning prescription drugs.
- Requires certain insurers to provide the Department of Insurance, the Department of Healthcare and Family Services, and all plan participants and beneficiaries analyses concerning treatment limitations.
- Requires the Auditor General to annually review compliance by the Department of Insurance and the Department of Healthcare and Family Services of provisions concerning mental and emotional disorders and mental health and addiction parity.
- **Effective January 1, 2019.**
- <http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/publicacts/100/100-1024.htm>