

HOUSE BILL NO. 17

INTRODUCED BY E. STAFMAN

BY REQUEST OF THE CHILDREN, FAMILIES, HEALTH, AND HUMAN SERVICES INTERIM COMMITTEE

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO IMPLEMENT THE CERTIFIED COMMUNITY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CLINIC MODEL; ALLOWING MEDICAID COVERAGE OF CERTIFIED COMMUNITY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CLINIC SERVICES; PROVIDING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; AMENDING SECTION 53-6-101, MCA; AND PROVIDING EFFECTIVE DATES."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

**NEW SECTION. Section 1. Certified community behavioral health clinics -- direction to department.** (1) Subject to available funding, the department shall establish a program no later than ~~January 1,~~ 2024 July 1, 2025, for the implementation of certified community behavioral health clinics that meet the requirements of Public Law 113-93 and related federal regulations and guidance.

(2) A behavioral health services provider that received federal grant funding from the substance abuse and mental health services administration for implementation of certified community behavioral health clinics before [the effective date of this act] is not precluded from participating in the program established pursuant to this section.

**Section 2.** Section 53-6-101, MCA, is amended to read:

**"53-6-101. Montana medicaid program -- authorization of services.** (1) There is a Montana medicaid program established for the purpose of providing necessary medical services to eligible persons who have need for medical assistance. The Montana medicaid program is a joint federal-state program administered under this chapter and in accordance with Title XIX of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. 1396, et seq. The department shall administer the Montana medicaid program.

(2) The department and the legislature shall consider the following funding principles when

