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Research Analysis

HB 2049, as introduced, requires the Oklahoma Health Care Authority (OHCA) to, for Medicaid managed care plans, ensure that the insurers, health plans, and managed care plans comply with federal and state laws, rules, and regulations applicable to mental health or substance use disorder coverage. Contracts with Medicaid managed care plan require entities to conduct regular parity compliance analysis for each nonquantitative treatment limitation imposed on mental health or substance use disorder benefits. Contracts with Medicaid managed care plans must include this language. State Medicaid programs and Children's Health Insurance Programs (CHIP) must review and compile analysis to ensure compliance and use a standardized process to mitigate findings of noncompliance. The Oklahoma Health Care Authority must develop a standardized process for parity complaints and make the information submitted for documentation public. OHCA is also required to make any parity analysis, summary, or report submitted to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services regarding the Oklahoma Medicaid managed care program public within 30 days of submission of the reports.

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Fiscal Analysis

HB 2049 requires Medicaid managed care entities to conduct parity compliance analysis to ensure coverage for mental health and substance use disorders is equal to that of physical health. The measure directs the Oklahoma Health Care Authority (OHCA) to publish parity reports and implement a process for complaints.

OHCA officials anticipate the parity reporting requirements to have a neutral effect on the Medicaid plan. Additionally, the requirements of OHCA are feasible within existing budgetary resources; therefore, the provisions of the measure are not anticipated to directly impact the state budget.

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Other Considerations

None.