

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2021 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Banking and Insurance

CS/HB 701 — Behavior Health Care Services Coverage and Access

by Insurance and Banking Subcommittee and Rep. Stevenson and others (CS/CS/SB 1024 by Appropriations Committee; Banking and Insurance Committee; and Senators Brodeur and Rouson)

The bill requires the Department of Financial Services (DFS) to submit a report, by January 31, 2022, to the Legislature and the Governor regarding complaints received from insureds and subscribers about the adequacy of coverage and access to mental health services through their individual or group health insurance policies or health maintenance organization (HMO) contracts.

Further, the bill requires insurers and HMOs to provide insureds and subscribers a direct notice regarding the federal and state coverage requirements for mental health services, as well as contact information for the Division of Consumer Services within the DFS. Insurers and HMOs are also required to make this information available on their website.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect October 1, 2021.

Vote: Senate 40-0; House 117-1