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A bill to be entitled
 An act relating to mental health care services; creating
 s. 409.91225, F.S.; directing the Agency for Health Care
 Administration, in cooperation with the Department of
 Children and Family Services, to develop a pilot program
 in district 10 for a mental health care provider service
 network to deliver mental health care services as a form
 of managed care under the MediPass program; providing
 legislative intent; providing powers, duties, and
 responsibilities of the agency under the program;
 directing the agency to determine the medical and
 financial eligibility standards for individuals seeking
 services from the program and the criteria for mental
 health care providers to participate in the program;
 providing for agreements with other governmental programs
 and institutions; providing for oversight; providing
 rulemaking authority; requiring a report to the Governor
 and Legislature; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Section 409.91225, Florida Statutes, is created
 to read:

409.91225 Mental Health Care Provider Service Network
pilot program.--

(1) The Agency for Health Care Administration, in
cooperation with the Department of Children and Family Services,
shall develop a pilot program in the department's service

29 district 10 to deliver mental health care services as a form of
30 managed care under the MediPass program.

31 (2) The Legislature intends that the Mental Health Care
32 Provider Service Network pilot program:

33 (a) Provide to persons with mental health care needs a
34 family-centered, comprehensive, and coordinated managed system
35 of mental health care.

36 (b) Provide essential preventive, evaluative, and early
37 intervention services for persons at risk for or having mental
38 health care needs in order to prevent or reduce the occurrence,
39 severity, duration, and disabling aspects of mental, emotional,
40 and behavioral disorders.

41 (3) The Agency for Health Care Administration shall have
42 the following powers, duties, and responsibilities with respect
43 to the Mental Health Care Provider Service Network pilot
44 program:

45 (a) To provide or contract for the provision of mental
46 health care services to eligible individuals.

47 (b) To determine the medical and financial eligibility
48 standards for the program and to determine the medical and
49 financial eligibility of individuals seeking mental health care
50 services from the program.

51 (c) To recommend priorities for the implementation of
52 comprehensive plans and budgets.

53 (d) To coordinate a comprehensive delivery system for
54 eligible individuals to take maximum advantage of all available
55 funds.

56 (e) To promote, establish, and coordinate programs
57 relating to mental health care services in cooperation with
58 other public and private agencies and to coordinate funding of
59 mental health care programs with federal, state, or local mental
60 health care funding mechanisms.

61 (f) To initiate, coordinate, and request review of
62 applications to federal and state agencies for funds, services,
63 or commodities relating to mental health care programs.

64 (g) To sponsor or promote grants for projects, programs,
65 educational activities, or research in the field of mental
66 health care, with an emphasis on early diagnosis and treatment.

67 (h) To oversee and operate the program.

68 (i) To establish reimbursement mechanisms for the program.

69 (j) To establish program standards and credentialing
70 requirements for mental health care providers and mental health
71 care services.

72 (k) To monitor the provision of mental health care
73 services in the program, including the utilization and quality
74 of mental health care services.

75 (l) To establish and operate a grievance resolution
76 process for participants and mental health care providers.

77 (m) To maintain integrity in the program.

78 (n) To establish the criteria to designate mental health
79 care providers to participate in the program. The agency shall
80 follow, whenever available, national guidelines for selecting
81 mental health care providers.

82 (o) To establish mental health care provider agreements
83 for participation in the program.

84 (p) To require that all mental health care providers under
85 contract with the program be duly licensed in the state, if such
86 licensure is available, and meet other criteria as may be
87 established by the agency.

88 (q) To initiate agreements with other state or local
89 governmental programs or institutions for the coordination of
90 mental health care to eligible individuals receiving services
91 from such programs or institutions.

92 (r) To operate a system to oversee the activities of
93 program participants, mental health care providers, and their
94 representatives in order to prevent fraudulent or abusive
95 behavior, overutilization or duplicative utilization, and
96 neglect of participants and to recover overpayments as
97 appropriate. For the purposes of this paragraph, the terms
98 "abuse" and "fraud" have the meanings provided in s. 409.913.
99 The agency shall refer incidents of suspected fraud, abuse, and
100 overutilization and duplicative utilization to the appropriate
101 regulatory agency.

102 (4) The Agency for Health Care Administration shall adopt
103 rules pursuant to ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54 to implement and
104 administer the Mental Health Care Provider Service Network pilot
105 program as provided in this section.

106 Section 2. The Agency for Health Care Administration shall
107 prepare an evaluation of the Mental Health Care Provider Service
108 Network pilot program created under section 409.91225, Florida
109 Statutes, including recommendations for the future of the
110 program, and submit the report to the Governor, the President of
111 the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives

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112 | before the convening of the next regular session of the
113 | Legislature.

114 | Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005.