

April 7, 2003

H 883. MH REFORM WAIVER. *TO AUTHORIZE THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO TEMPORARILY WAIVE CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS OF THE MENTAL HEALTH COMMITMENT STATUTES TO FURTHER MENTAL HEALTH REFORM EFFORTS.* Authorizes Sec'y of Health and Human Services to temporarily waive GS 122C-261 to GS 122C-263 and GS 122C-281 to GS 122C-283 requirements for examinations by a physician or eligible psychologist of those individuals meeting GS 122C-261(a) or GS 122C-281(a) criteria, upon receipt of a request from a phase-one entity to substitute a licensed clinical socialworker or a masters level psychiatric nurse or clinical addiction specialist, when request meets criteria prescribed in act. Any waiver shall not exceed the shorter of three years or the period for which entity's business plan is approved. Effective from July 1, 2003 to July 1, 2006.

Intro. by Insko.

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April 28, 2003

H 883. MH REFORM WAIVER. Intro. 4/7/03. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition; (1) deletes the requirement that the local management entity's local business plan, submitted as part of a request to substitute professional personnel, must describe the method to be used to evaluate the effectiveness and efficiency of mental health, developmental disabilities, and substance abuse services and protection of health, safety, and welfare under the waiver, and instead requires that the Sec'y evaluate these matters under the waiver; (2) authorizes the Sec'y to grant a waiver to only one local management entity located in the western part of the state that has been designated a phase-one entity as of July 1, 2003 (was, choice not restricted to western part of the state); and (3) directs the entity to assure that a physician is available at all times to provide backup services and that a physician provides approval by telephone and signs the chart within 72 hours after the initial exam is conducted (was, physician available to provide back-up services).

April 29, 2003

H 883. MH REFORM WAIVER. Intro. 4/7/03. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 2nd edition. Amends Sec. 1(8) (physician availability) to delete requirement that physician sign chart within 72 hours after initial examination.

May 15, 2003

H 883. MH REFORM WAIVER. Intro. 4/7/03. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 2nd edition. Amends Sec. 1(3) to require that Sec'y of Health and Human Services send report on the effectiveness of waiver to Jt. Legis. Oversight Comm. on Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substances Abuse Services on or before July 1, 2006. Amends Sec. 1(5) to authorize Sec'y to grant waiver under sec. to up to five (was, one) local management entities and deletes requirement that those entities granted waivers be in western part of state. Requires that Sec'y to involve certain listed organizations in developing staff competencies.

June 17, 2003

SL 2003-178 (H 883). MENTAL HEALTH REFORM WAIVER. *AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO TEMPORARILY WAIVE CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS OF THE MENTAL HEALTH COMMITMENT STATUTES TO FURTHER MENTAL HEALTH REFORM EFFORTS.* Summarized in *Daily Bulletin* 4/7/03, 4/28/03, 4/29/03, and 5/15/03. Enacted June 12, 2003. Effective July 1, 2003, and expires July 1, 2006.