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HOUSE BILL DRH40104-MR-38A

Short Title: Access to Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation.

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Sponsors: Representative Huneycutt.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FAIR REIMBURSEMENT OF TRANSCRANIAL MAGNETIC  
3 STIMULATION SERVICES UNDER HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS OFFERED IN THIS  
4 STATE.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 SECTION 1.(a) Article 3 of Chapter 58 of the General Statutes is amended by adding  
7 a new section to read:

8 "**§ 58-3-254. Coverage of transcranial magnetic stimulation.**

9 (a) The following definitions apply in this section:

10 (1) Reserved for future codification purposes.

11 (2) Insurer. – As defined in G.S. 58-3-167.

12 (3) Reserved for future codification purposes.

13 (4) Transcranial magnetic stimulation. – A noninvasive healthcare treatment that  
14 uses pulsed magnetic fields to induce an electric current in a localized region  
15 of a patient's brain.

16 (b) Insurers offering a health benefit plan in this State that provides coverage for  
17 transcranial magnetic stimulation shall provide coverage for all transcranial magnetic stimulation  
18 procedures performed by a healthcare facility or properly licensed healthcare provider for whom  
19 ordering, performing, and supervising the treatment of depression and other mental disorders is  
20 within their scope of practice in accordance with Chapter 90 of the General Statutes and may not  
21 penalize any properly licensed healthcare provider or healthcare facility that properly submits a  
22 claim for services related to transcranial magnetic stimulation based on the medical specialty of  
23 the healthcare provider or healthcare facility submitting the claim.

24 (c) Notwithstanding subsection (b) of this section, it shall be within the discretion of each  
25 insurer offering a health benefit plan in the State that provides coverage for transcranial magnetic  
26 stimulation to determine all of the following aspects of the coverage:

27 (1) Whether to cover transcranial magnetic stimulation procedures.

28 (2) Indications for which transcranial magnetic stimulation procedures shall be  
29 covered.

30 (3) Requirements for coverage for transcranial magnetic stimulation procedures.

31 (4) Reimbursement rates for transcranial magnetic stimulation procedures.

32 (d) Penalties prohibited under this section include the denial of, or the reduction of, or  
33 the placement of limitations on the reimbursement of a properly submitted claim, or any other  
34 negative treatment of a properly submitted claim.

35 (e) Reimbursement rates that differ based upon any of the following are allowable and  
36 shall not be considered a penalty prohibited under this section:



- 1           (1)    A healthcare provider's participation or lack of participation in the network of
- 2                    an insurer.
- 3           (2)    The location where the transcranial magnetic stimulation services are
- 4                    provided.
- 5           (3)    The level of training, certification, or education of the healthcare provider,
- 6                    within that provider's medical specialty, that has provided the transcranial
- 7                    magnetic stimulation services."

8           **SECTION 1.(b)** G.S. 135-48.51 is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:  
9           "(8a) G.S. 58-3-254, Coverage of transcranial magnetic stimulation. It is within the  
10                    discretion of the Plan to determine all aspects of the coverage of transcranial  
11                    magnetic stimulation identified under G.S. 58-3-254(b)."

12           **SECTION 2.** This act is effective October 1, 2025, and applies to insurance contracts  
13 issued, renewed, or amended on or after that date.