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I have not reviewed yet - sending so we can all start reading

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Catherine,

Attached is the reform document, both in pdf and in word. All text added to 568 is in blue font. Highlighted sections have comments to the side indicating the reform goal to which the change is applicable, and providing brief descriptions/explanations of changes.

I would like to draw your attention in particular to the exemption for the conversion of hospital beds to crisis stabilization beds, beginning at the bottom of page 4 and carrying over to the top of page 5. This language is inserted as the new Section 44-7-170(4). I added a sentence to the end of (4)(a) providing a definition of crisis stabilization for the purpose of this exemption. This definition uses the phrase "outside of the emergency department" in the definition. I added this to clarify that the converted crisis stabilization beds are different from beds in the emergency department. The reason for that clarification is that (4)(d) requires an affidavit from the hospital that the hospital had a minimum of 100 hours per month of holding patients in need of admission for psych services in its ED for any 3 months within the preceding 12 month period in order to qualify for the conversion. Conversions are limited to a 30-day time period. Reading this language all together, if someone justifies the need to convert some beds to crisis stabilization for 30 days, then in order to qualify for another 30 day conversion they've got to justify based on need

in their ED, not need in the converted crisis stabilization beds. If this is not the intention please let me know and I can change it.

If you need anything further, please let me know.

Thanks,
Ashley

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