

COALITION FOR WHOLE HEALTH

SIDE-BY-SIDE COMPARISON OF SUD/MH PROVISIONS IN THE HEALTH CARE REFORM BILLS

	SENATE BILL AS RELEASED ON 11/18/09 (MEDED HELP/FINANCE BILLS)	HOUSE BILL AS PASSED ON 11/7/09
Inclusion of MH/SUD in the minimum benefits package	✓ Requires SUD/MH services as part of the minimum benefit package (exempts large employers) (pages 102 - 103)	✓ Requires SUD/MH services as part of the minimum benefit package (page 111)
Application of Wellstone/Domenici parity law	✓ Requires individual, small group and large group plans to comply with Wellstone/Domenici (p. 152)	✓ Requires all plans, including plans in the exchange (which includes the public plan), individual, small and large groups to comply with Wellstone/Domenici (page 105 – 106)
Prohibition of Discrimination against Individuals with Pre-Existing Conditions	✓ Prohibits discrimination against individuals with pre-existing conditions (page 78)	✓ Prohibits discrimination against individuals with pre-existing conditions (page 43)
Prohibition of Discrimination against Individuals based on Health Status	✓ Prohibits discrimination against individuals based on health status (including MH/SUD) (page 83)	✓ Prohibits discrimination against individuals based on health status (is silent on MH/SUD) (page 101 – 102)
Mental Health & Addiction Benefits for Newly Eligible Medicaid Enrollees	✓ Expands Medicaid eligibility for everyone, including childless adults, up to 133% of poverty. Newly-eligible adults would be enrolled in a “benchmark” plan that would include addiction and mental health treatment services at parity (page 412)	<p>✓ Expands Medicaid eligibility and full Medicaid benefits for everyone, including childless adults, up to 150% of poverty (page 1022). Newly-eligible adults would be provided addiction and mental health services, at a state’s option, according to the state plan</p> <p>✓ Prohibits enrollment of childless adults in managed care plans unless that state can demonstrate that the plan has capacity to meet the health, mental health and SUD needs of these individuals (p. 1030)</p>

<p>Inclusion of SUD/MH workforce development funds</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Includes a loan repayment program for individuals practicing pediatrics, child and adolescent MH/SUD services (page 1319) ✓ Authorizes grants to higher education institutions for MH/SUD professionals (page 1369) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Priority will be given to institutions in which the training focuses on the needs of vulnerable groups, including individuals with MH & SUD and where applicants have demonstrated familiarity with evidence based methods in child and adolescent mental health services including SUD prevention & treatment ○ \$8M is authorized for social work ○ \$12M for graduate psychology ○ \$10M for professional child and adolescent MH/SUD ○ \$5M for training in paraprofessional child and adolescent work at state-licensed NFP and for-profit organizations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Authorizes workforce development grants for providers of MH/SUD services; authorizes \$60 million for the program. Includes report language specifying addiction physicians (page 1392)
<p>MH/SUD screening & prevention</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ In a section authorizing community health team grants aimed at supporting medical homes, the bill includes a provision to include SUD prevention, treatment and MH service providers as eligible grantees (page 1067 – 1069) ✓ Substance use disorders are listed as a national priority in the report to be provided to Congress and the President by 7/1/10 by the National Prevention, Health Promotion and Public Health Council (page 1140) ✓ Requires SUD/MH services be provided at school-based community health centers (page 1158 – 1159) ✓ Permits state or local health departments receiving grant funds through a Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) public health grant program, administered through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, to enter into contracts with MH/SUD providers and screening activities may include MH/SUD (page 1212) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Authorizes \$30M SBIRT grant program (page 1478)

Inclusion of relevant MH/SUD agencies in federal studies or working groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Includes an HHS education and outreach campaign on the benefits of prevention; section contains a requirement that the campaign disseminate information about the preventive work done by SAMHSA (page 1151)✓ As part of the Medicaid “State Plan Option Promoting Health Homes for Enrollees with Chronic Conditions” program, directs states to consult and coordinate with SAMHSA in addressing prevention & treatment of MH/SUD (page 531)✓ Includes SAMHSA as an agency in the “Interagency Working Group on Health Care Quality” (page 700)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Adds the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to list of agencies consulted for the development of a national prevention and wellness plan (page 1299 – 1300)
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