for a diverse, competent, and sustainable
Medicaid mental health workforce

Policy Title: Enforce MHPAEA Parity in Commercial Mental Health Care

Challenge: Federal MHPAEA law and Colorado's HB19-1269 mandate compliance with mental health care parity versus medical care. Processes that impose access limits on the behavioral health side must be similar to processes on the medical side.

Medical students, whether Nurse Practitioners, Physicians Assistants, or Medical Doctors, provider services to patients that are reimbursed, under supervision. This is a common practice that allows access to care.

The commercial payers in Colorado have a patchwork of policies regarding the provision of mental health care services by university based trainees.

Proposal: Modify CRS _ to require that supervised services are treated equally between mental health care and medical care.

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