

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0029

Mental health insurance parity.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Parady, Iekel, Meyer, Paseneaux, Petersen, Ross and Warren and Senator(s) Schiffer

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to health insurance; mandating coverage for  
2 biologically based mental illnesses under health insurance  
3 policies issued in the state as specified; and providing  
4 for an effective date.

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6 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 26-20-301 is created to read:

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ARTICLE 3

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INSURANCE FOR BIOLOGICALLY BASED MENTAL ILLNESS

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**26-20-301. Required provision of individual or group  
14 policy or contract.**

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1           (a) Any individual or group hospital or medical  
2 insurance policy or hospital service plan contract or  
3 medical service plan contract delivered or issued for  
4 delivery in this state shall provide coverage for the  
5 treatment of biologically based mental illness that is no  
6 less extensive than the coverage provided for any other  
7 physical illness.

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9           (b) As used in this section, "biologically based  
10 mental illness" means schizophrenia, schizoaffective  
11 disorder, bipolar affective disorder, major depressive  
12 disorder, specific obsessive-compulsive disorder and panic  
13 disorder.

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15           **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2002.

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