

SENATE BILL No. 72

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 10-17-13.5-6.

Synopsis: Hyperbaric oxygen treatment pilot program. Removes the requirement that rules adopted by the state department of health, in consultation with the department of veterans' affairs, include patient health improvement as a condition for approval of payment for treatment under the hyperbaric oxygen treatment pilot program (pilot program). Removes the requirement that the state department of health receive pretreatment and posttreatment evaluation documentation as a condition for approval of payment for hyperbaric oxygen treatment. Requires that rules adopted by the state department of health concerning the pilot program not include criteria requiring patient health improvement as a condition for approval of payment for treatment.

Effective: Upon passage.

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January 6, 2020, read first time and referred to Committee on Health and Provider Services.



Second Regular Session of the 121st General Assembly (2020)

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning military and veterans.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 10-17-13.5-6, AS AMENDED BY P.L.156-2019,
2 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 6. (a) As used in this section, "hyperbaric
4 oxygen treatment" means treatment for traumatic brain injury or
5 posttraumatic stress disorder that is ordered by a health care provider
6 and delivered in a hyperbaric chamber.

7 (b) The department shall establish a pilot program for the purpose
8 of providing assistance for each provider that has been approved by the
9 state department of health to provide diagnostic testing and hyperbaric
10 oxygen treatment to veterans receiving treatment under section 4(b) of
11 this chapter.

12 (c) The state department of health shall issue a request for proposals
13 to select up to five (5) providers that collectively represent the north,
14 south, east, west, and central geographic areas of Indiana to offer the
15 treatment described in section 4(b) of this chapter.

16 (d) An individual veteran is eligible to begin treatment if the service
17 related event that caused the traumatic brain injury or posttraumatic



- 1 stress disorder is documented by a licensed physician.
- 2 (e) An individual veteran may not be required to pay a co-pay under
3 the pilot program.
- 4 (f) A grant under the pilot program established under subsection (b)
5 may be provided only to the provider chosen by the state department of
6 health to provide diagnostic testing and hyperbaric oxygen treatment
7 to veterans.
- 8 (g) The state department of health, after consulting with the
9 department, shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to implement section
10 4(b) of this chapter, including standards for the following:
- 11 (1) Determination by a provider that an individual is a veteran
12 eligible for participation in the pilot program.
- 13 (2) Determination by the state department of health that a
14 provider is eligible to participate in the pilot program, including:
- 15 (A) a requirement that the provider must maintain compliance
16 with applicable fire codes, treatment protocols, and state
17 department of health oversight; and
- 18 (B) other facility standards determined by the state department
19 of health.
- 20 (3) Treatment plan requirements, including the following:
- 21 (A) A provider's submission to the state department of health,
22 before providing hyperbaric oxygen treatment to a veteran, of
23 a treatment plan that includes:
- 24 (i) a health care provider's prescription for hyperbaric
25 oxygen treatment;
- 26 (ii) verification by the provider that the veteran is eligible
27 for participation in the pilot program and voluntarily accepts
28 treatment through the pilot program;
- 29 (iii) an estimate of the cost of the veteran's treatment; and
30 (iv) any other information required by the state department
31 of health.
- 32 (B) A reasonable time frame for:
- 33 (i) approval or disapproval by the state department of health
34 of a treatment plan described in clause (A); and
- 35 (ii) notice to the provider of approval or disapproval of the
36 treatment plan.
- 37 (C) Contingent on sufficient funding available in the fund,
38 approval of each treatment plan that meets the requirements
39 established by the state department of health under this
40 section.
- 41 (D) The sources of funding for the estimated treatment cost for
42 each veteran whose treatment plan is approved under this



- 1 section.
- 2 (4) Criteria for approval of payment for treatment that has been
- 3 verified by the state department of health to have been provided
- 4 under a treatment plan approved under subdivision (3), including
- 5 (A) whether a drug or device used in the treatment plan has
- 6 been approved for any purpose by the federal Food and Drug
- 7 Administration.
- 8 (B) health improvement of the veteran receiving the treatment;
- 9 as demonstrated through:
- 10 (i) standardized, independent pretreatment and
- 11 posttreatment neuropsychological testing;
- 12 (ii) nationally accepted survey instruments;
- 13 (iii) neurological imaging; or
- 14 (iv) clinical examination; and
- 15 (C) receipt by the state department of health of pretreatment
- 16 and posttreatment evaluation documentation.
- 17 **Rules adopted under this subdivision may not include criteria**
- 18 **that require patient health improvement as a condition for**
- 19 **approval of payment for treatment under the pilot program.**
- 20 (5) Confidentiality of all individually identifiable patient
- 21 information of a veteran. However, subject to the requirements of
- 22 the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act
- 23 and any other applicable medical record laws, all data and
- 24 information from which the identity of an individual veteran
- 25 cannot be reasonably ascertained must be available to the general
- 26 assembly, participating institutional review boards, participating
- 27 health care providers, medical researchers, and other
- 28 governmental agencies.
- 29 (h) A provider under this section, including a physician who
- 30 supervises treatment, shall bill the pilot program and be paid at cost out
- 31 of the grant amount awarded to the provider. No providers may profit
- 32 from services provided under the pilot program. Services offered under
- 33 the pilot program are provided as a service to veterans.
- 34 (i) Each provider shall quarterly file a status report concerning the
- 35 services provided by the provider under the pilot program with the
- 36 following:
- 37 (1) The department.
- 38 (2) The state department of health.
- 39 (j) At the conclusion of the pilot program, the department, in
- 40 collaboration with the state department of health, shall prepare a
- 41 written final report and transmit it to the following:
- 42 (1) The governor.



- 1 (2) The leadership of the legislative council in electronic format
2 under IC 5-14-6.
- 3 (3) The chairperson of the house committee on veterans affairs
4 and public safety.
- 5 (4) The chairperson of the senate committee on veterans affairs
6 and the military.
- 7 The report required under this subsection must be made available on
8 the department's Internet web site.
- 9 (k) This section expires June 30, 2021.
- 10 SECTION 2. [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE] (a) Subsection
11 (b)(3), SECTION 2, of LSA Document #19-385(E) filed with the
12 publisher of the Indiana Register on July 26, 2019, which requires
13 a veteran's health to improve as a result of the hyperbaric oxygen
14 treatment, is void.
- 15 (b) The publisher of the Indiana Administrative Code and the
16 Indiana Register shall remove the provision identified in subsection
17 (a) from the Indiana Administrative Code and the Indiana
18 Register.
- 19 (c) This SECTION expires July 1, 2021.
- 20 SECTION 3. An emergency is declared for this act.

