

Subject Government Data Practices: Mental Health Data Sharing

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Overview

This bill amends two existing laws regarding mental health data that must be shared with law enforcement agencies when necessary to address certain emergency circumstances. It also expands the kinds of agencies that may be represented on multidisciplinary adult protection teams.

Summary

Section	Description
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1	Mental health data.
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Amends existing law requiring mental health providers to disclose mental health data to law enforcement when necessary to address certain emergency situations. Disclosure is required if the client/patient is involved in a “mental health crisis” as defined in the cross-referenced Medicaid statute:

“Mental health crisis” is a behavioral, emotional, or psychiatric situation that, without the provision of crisis response services, would likely result in significantly reducing the recipient's levels of functioning in primary activities of daily living, in an emergency situation under section [62Q.55](#), or in the placement of the recipient in a more restrictive setting, including but not limited to inpatient hospitalization.

Adds “strategies to address the mental health crisis” as possible information that may be disclosed to law enforcement.

2	Disclosure to law enforcement agency.
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Amends existing law requiring mental health providers to disclose mental health records to law enforcement when necessary to address certain emergency situations. Adds the same reference to “mental health crisis” as in section 1. Aligns this statute with the statute amended in section 1 regarding possible information that may be disclosed to law enforcement.

Section	Description
3	<p data-bbox="316 262 625 294">Establishment of team.</p> <p data-bbox="316 304 1429 420">Amends existing law regarding the establishment of multidisciplinary adult protection teams. Adds community corrections agencies and local law enforcement agencies to the list of entities that may be represented on the teams.</p>



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