

SENATE BILL SUMMARY

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SB 354 Mental and Nervous Disorders/Health Insurance by Senator Crist

Revises the requirements for optional coverage for mental and nervous disorders. Prohibits the durational limits, dollar amounts, deductibles, or coinsurance factors for certain specified illnesses or conditions from being less favorable than those for physical illness.

Increases the number of days for which inpatient benefits may be limited from 30 to 45 days and increases the monetary amount from \$1,000 to \$5,000 by which outpatient benefits may be limited for consultations with certain health care professionals and therapists.

Repeals provision relating to optional coverage for substance abuse impaired persons. (See bill for details)