

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

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House Bill 2144

By Delegates Criss and Heckert

[Introduced February 12, 2025; referred
to the Committee on Health and Human Resources]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,
2 designated §16-53-4, relating to requiring substance use disorder inpatient providers to
3 provide transportation to their patients; to prohibit certain marketing or partnering, and
4 requiring approval for limitation of eligibility.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

**ARTICLE 53. ESTABLISHING ADDITIONAL SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT
FACILITIES.**

**§16-53-4. Requirement of substance use disorder treatment services to provide
transportation; marketing or partnering prohibited; approval for limitation of
eligibility.**

1 (a) Substance use disorder inpatient providers in West Virginia shall offer their patients a
2 means of transportation back to the individual's state of birth, a state they have previously lived in,
3 or a state where they have a family support structure, in order to assist those individuals in their
4 recovery upon discharge from a substance use disorder inpatient provider.

5 (b) West Virginia substance abuse inpatient providers that receive funding from Medicaid
6 are hereby prohibited from marketing or partnering with providers in other states for the purpose of
7 relocating individuals to West Virginia to receive state covered substance use disorder treatment.

8 (c) Medicaid shall seek approval from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
9 ("CMS") to limit eligibility for any substance use disorder waiver services to individuals that have
10 established residency in West Virginia for at least six months prior to covered services.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to require substance use disorder inpatient providers to provide transportation to their patients. The bill prohibits certain marketing or partnering with other states. Finally, the bill requires approval for limitation of eligibility.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law, and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.