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Below are miscellaneous bills that may be of interest to the behavioral health community:

- SB-282 AN ACT REQUIRING THE STATE OMBUDSMAN TO INVESTIGATE COMPLAINTS CONCERNING RECIPIENTS OF HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES.
- SB-293 AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAID COVERAGE OF TELEHEALTH SERVICES.
- SB-299 AN ACT CONCERNING PAYMENT PARITY FOR CERTAIN ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS.
- SB-316 AN ACT CONCERNING THE DELIVERY OF MEDICAID SERVICES THROUGH MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATIONS.
- SB-379 AN ACT CONCERNING THE REVIEW OF A PERSON FOR DISCHARGE FROM COMMITMENT BY THE PSYCHIATRIC SECURITY REVIEW BOARD.
- SB-444 AN ACT REQUIRING A SIXTH REGIONAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ACTION ORGANIZATION
- SB-491 AN ACT EXPANDING ACCESS TO QUALITY HUMAN SERVICES
- SB-507 AN ACT CONCERNING COMMITMENT OF INDIVIDUALS FOUND NOT GUILTY BY REASON OF MENTAL DEFECT OR DISEASE.
- SB-620 AN ACT PROHIBITING SHOCK THERAPY TREATMENT.
- <u>SB-623</u> AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE WORKING GROUP OF THE ALCOHOL AND DRUG POLICY COUNCIL CHARGED WITH EVALUATING METHODS OF COMBATING THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC.
- SB-757 AN ACT CONCERNING ACCESS TO MEDICAL RECORDS OF AN INDIVIDUAL WHO DIES IN STATE CUSTODY.
- SB-770 AN ACT CONCERNING MENTAL HEALTH PREVENTION AND TREATMENT FOR CHILDREN.

You can find information on the bills above by clicking on the bill hyperlink provided or by visiting <u>cga.ct.gov</u>. Please feel free to contact me if you have questions about any of the information contained in the legislative updates. I can be reached at (860) 418-6839 or <u>mary.mason@ct.gov</u>. During session, you may want to try to reach me on my cell phone at (860) 985-2120, since I am often at the Capitol and away from my desk phone.