Amendment to HB 1622-FN

1   Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

2

3   AN ACT   relative to notice that a health care provider is no longer accepting new patients and
4   relative to mental health parity.

5

6   Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

7

8   1   Managed Care Law; Provider Contract Standards.   Amend RSA 420-J:8 by inserting after
9   paragraph XVII the following new paragraph:

10   XVIII. Every contract entered into after September 1, 2022 between a health carrier and any
11 health care provider shall contain a provision that requires the health care provider to notify the
12 carrier when the health care provider is no longer accepting new patients. Notification shall take
13 place no more than 30 days after the date the health care provider is no longer accepting new
14 patients.

15

16 2 Coverage for Certain Biologically-Based Mental Illnesses. Amend RSA 417-E:1, II to read as
17 follows:

18   II.   Notwithstanding any other provision of law, each insurer that issues or renews any
19 policy of accident or health insurance and each nonprofit health service corporation under RSA 420-
20 A and health maintenance organization under RSA 420-B providing benefits for disease or sickness
21 in the state of New Hampshire shall provide benefits for treatment and diagnosis of certain
22 biologically-based mental illnesses under [the same] *access standards established in RSA 420-*
23 *J:7, and under* terms and conditions [and] which are no less extensive than *the* coverage provided
24 for any other type of health care for physical illness.

25 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2023.

2022-0450h

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill requires contracts between health care providers and carriers to include a provision that the provider notify the carrier when the provider is no longer accepting new patients. The bill also requires coverage for biologically-based mental illness to meet the access standards in RSA 420-J:7.