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Enforcing Mental Health Parity through the Affordable Care Act's Essential Health Benefit Mandate

The Paul Wellstone and Pete Domenici Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act, paired with the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, expanded health insurance coverage to millions of previously uninsured Americans and guaranteed that new insurance policies cover mental health and substance abuse treatment. This article examines how these recent pieces of legislation can be used to remedy the problems associated with the current model's ineffective enforcement of insurance regulations and proposes that more inclusive essential health benefit definitions and an expansion of monitored, certified health plans in health insurance Marketplaces can provide increased future access to this crucial health coverage.

Access and Innovation in a Time of Rapid Change: Physician Assistant Scope of Practice

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In the 1960s, the profession of physician assistant rose to prominence and has since transformed the landscape of the medical profession by supplementing and supporting the work of overextended physicians. This article discusses the history of physician assistant practice and its expansion over the years to include many tasks that were once considered the sole domain of the physician. Gradual recognition by medical professionals and lawmakers alike has shaped the unique determinants of physician assistant scope of practice to include a wide range of primary, specialty, and subspecialty care, and has the potential to further shape the development of the health care provider community.

Holding Health Insurance Marketplaces Accountable: The Unheralded Rise and Imminent Demise of Structural Reform Litigation in Health Care

As the government's level of engagement and role in the healthcare profession has become increasingly augmented and complex, questions about accountability for regulation of the new health insurance Marketplaces and established public insurance programs, such as Medicaid, have moved to the forefront of the enforcement arena. This article posits that strict statutory interpretation and direct governmental involvement are not necessarily the most efficient methods of increasing governmental accountability under existing insurance regulations and that instead, the growing practice of private enforcement through structural reform litigation may prove to be the most effective method of straddling the boundary between state and federal laws and the private sector in the ever-changing healthcare landscape.