

HB 953 -- MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE PROVIDERS

SPONSOR: Ruestman

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Healthcare Transformation by a vote of 8 to 0.

This bill adds providers of certain targeted case management services to the list of providers recognized by the Department of Mental Health as administrative entities.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2010, FY 2011, and FY 2012.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill will help decrease the Department of Mental Health's caseload by allowing it to contract with nonprofit entities for case management.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Ruestman; Department of Mental Health; Ozark Consolidated Services; and Gary Burton, ARC of the Ozarks.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.