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## July 2015 MH Commission Legislative Update

### Key Legislation Signed by Governor:

**SB 145 Pearce Eating Disorders** Improves insurance coverage for the diagnosis and treatment of eating disorders and provides funding to the Eating Disorders Council. *Signed June 19 and goes into effect August 28.*

**SB 174 Schmitt Missouri Achieving a Better Life Experience Program**. Under this act, a person may make tax-deductible contributions to an account established for the purpose of financing the qualified disability expenses of a beneficiary. *Signed June 29 and goes into effect August 28*

**HB343 Money Follows the Person**. Establishes a committee to assess the continuation of the Money Follows the Person Demonstration Program in order to help disabled or aging individuals transition from nursing facilities to community settings. *Signed June 19 and goes into effect August 28.*

**Executive Order 15-04** directing all departments, agencies, boards and commissions in the executive branch to take all necessary measures to ensure compliance with the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in Obergefell v. Hodges, which established a Constitutional right to same-sex marriage. *Signed July 7, 2015*

### Still on Governor's Desk (deadline July 14 to sign):

**SB 426 Parson. Access to Civil Commitment Information.** Allows community mental health liaisons (CMHLs) to access information on Missourians who have been civilly committed so that the CMHLs can provide appropriate follow-up and coordination of care in the community. *TAFP 5/06/15*

**SB58 Dixon Committees, Boards and Commissions.** Modifies and repeals a number of existing, expired or obsolete committees. Includes language allowing Psychologist on MH Commission. The language was amended onto a similar bill in 2014. *TAFP 5/15/15*

**SB210 Schaefer Healthcare Provider Reimbursement Allowance Tax Sunset Extension.** This act extends the sunsets from September 30, 2015 to September 30, 2016, for the Ground Ambulance, Nursing Facility, Medicaid Managed Care Organization, Hospital, Pharmacy, and Intermediate Care Facility for the Intellectually Disabled Reimbursement Allowance Taxes. *TAFP 5/15/15*

**SB373 Libla Alcohol and Tobacco Enforcement.** This act creates the Division of Alcohol and Tobacco Control Fund. Under this act, 70 percent of the fees collected for liquor licenses and permits are directed to the fund. Money in the fund may only be used by the Division of Alcohol and Tobacco Control for the administration of the liquor control laws and laws prohibiting the sale of tobacco to minors, and any duties relating to licensing, training, technical assistance, and regulations. *TAFP 5/15/15*

**SB 463 Dixon Tax Credits.** Prior to passing this legislation, the Residential Treatment Agency Tax Credit was set to expire on December 31, 2015, and the Developmental Disability Care Provider Tax Credit to expire on December 31, 2016. This act extends both programs to 2027. *TAFP 5/15/15*

**HB947 Wiemann State Property Conveyance.** Includes properties from Nevada and Marshall Habilitation centers. *TAFP 5/6/15*