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Whereas, addiction is a chronic disease of brain reward, motivation, memory, and related circuitry; and

Whereas, without treatment or engagement in recovery activities, addiction is progressive and can result in disability or premature death; and

Whereas, like other chronic diseases, such as type two diabetes or hypertension, **OPIOID** addiction cannot be cured but can be treated and managed; and

Whereas, evidence-based best practice for treatment of **OPIOID** disorders underscores the importance of patient access to appropriate medications without unnecessary barriers. Now, therefore,

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Article 1, Chapter 6, Title 44 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

"Section 44-6-115. The department shall prohibit Medicaid health plans from limiting patient access to medications that treat **OPIOID** addiction including, but not limited to, through dosage limitations,

duration of treatment limitations, extensive prior authorization requirements, and fail-first or step therapy requirements, and shall guarantee unrestricted access to any FDA-approved treatment options available for individuals who have completed a detoxification program. Medicaid health plans must offer accessibility to the full range of appropriate clinical services for the effective treatment of **opioid** use disorders, including medications, psychosocial therapy, and recovery support services."

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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