AN ACT relating to medicaid coverage for individuals with mental illness.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS 205.565 TO 205.647 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

The Department for Medicaid Services and any managed care organization with whom the department contracts for the delivery of Medicaid services shall allow treatment for adults under age sixty-five (65) in psychiatric residential facilities and hospitals with more than sixteen (16) beds to be claimed as a service.

SECTION 2. If the Cabinet for Health and Family Services or the Department for Medicaid Services determines that a waiver or any other authorization from a federal agency is necessary prior to the implementation of any provision of Section 1 of this Act, the cabinet or department shall, within 90 days after the effective date of this Act, request the waiver or authorization and shall only delay full implementation of those provisions for which a waiver or authorization was deemed necessary until the waiver or authorization is granted.