



NAMI Washington

2023 Legislative Priorities



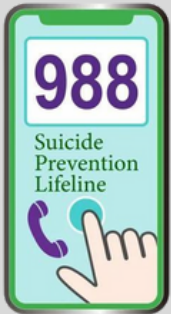
HB 1724: Increasing Behavioral Health Workforce

Will make it easier for people to enter the behavioral health workforce by offering targeted supports to new behavioral health professionals and making the process easier.



SB 5300: Continuity of Care for Behavioral Health Prescription Drugs

Prohibits commercial insurance companies and state plans such as Medicaid, PEBB/SEBB from changing their formulary in the middle of a plan year and requiring patients to change their medication. Prohibits plans from increasing cost-share obligations for prescription drugs for serious mental illness.



HB 1134: Implementing 988 Crisis Response

Lays the groundwork for 988 rapid response crisis teams, provides liability protection for 988 call center workers, increases public awareness of 988 crisis hotline, and develops recommendations for the creation of crisis workforce and resilience training.

Additional Priorities

- SB 5130: Concerning Assisted Outpatient Treatment
 - 15% Medicaid rate increase for behavioral healthcare providers
 - Capital budget funding for community-based treatment facilities and New Western State Forensic Hospital
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