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A bill to be entitled  
An act relating to pediatric behavioral and mental  
health screenings; creating s. 409.9746, F.S.;  
requiring the agency to adopt rules establishing  
certain practice parameters and protocols for the  
provision of early periodic screening, diagnostic, and  
treatment services for certain persons; requiring the  
Department of Health to provide a parent or legal  
guardian information on sleep, screen time, and  
nutrition and make such information available for  
download; requiring the agency, by a specified date,  
to adopt measures relating to early periodic  
screening, diagnostic, and treatment services and  
collect and report performance measures and outcome  
data to the Governor and the Legislature; providing an  
effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Section 409.9746, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

409.9746 Early periodic screening, diagnostic, and treatment services; pediatric behavioral and mental health screenings.—

(1) The agency shall adopt rules establishing practice

parameters and protocols, and requiring managed care plans to provide services consistent with such practice parameters and protocols, including, but not limited to, all of the following:

(a) The use of validated, age-appropriate, trauma-informed diagnostic tools based on nationally recognized clinical practice guidelines to provide early periodic screening, diagnostic, and treatment services to participants from birth through 21 years of age.

(b) Authorizing a health care provider to use mobile response teams, community mental health centers, behavioral health hubs, and other qualified health care providers for consultation, support with medication management, and introduction of the patient to another health care provider as a referral.

(c) Encouraging parents or legal guardians to participate in mental health programs that provide education and support, including, but not limited to, general parenting skills or more specialized programs that offer education and support for more specific behavioral or mental health issues.

(d) Requiring health care providers to give parents or legal guardians information created by the Department of Health about sleep, screen time, and nutrition. The department shall develop such information and make it available for download by health care providers.

(2) By January 1, 2027, the agency shall adopt performance

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51    measures related to early periodic screening, diagnostic, and  
52    treatment services and establish outcome data reporting  
53    requirements. The agency shall use the measures as a tool to  
54    monitor plan performance in connection with other measures  
55    required pursuant to this part. Beginning January 1, 2028, the  
56    agency shall submit an annual report on the performance measures  
57    and outcome data to the Governor, the President of the Senate,  
58    and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

59    **Section 2.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.