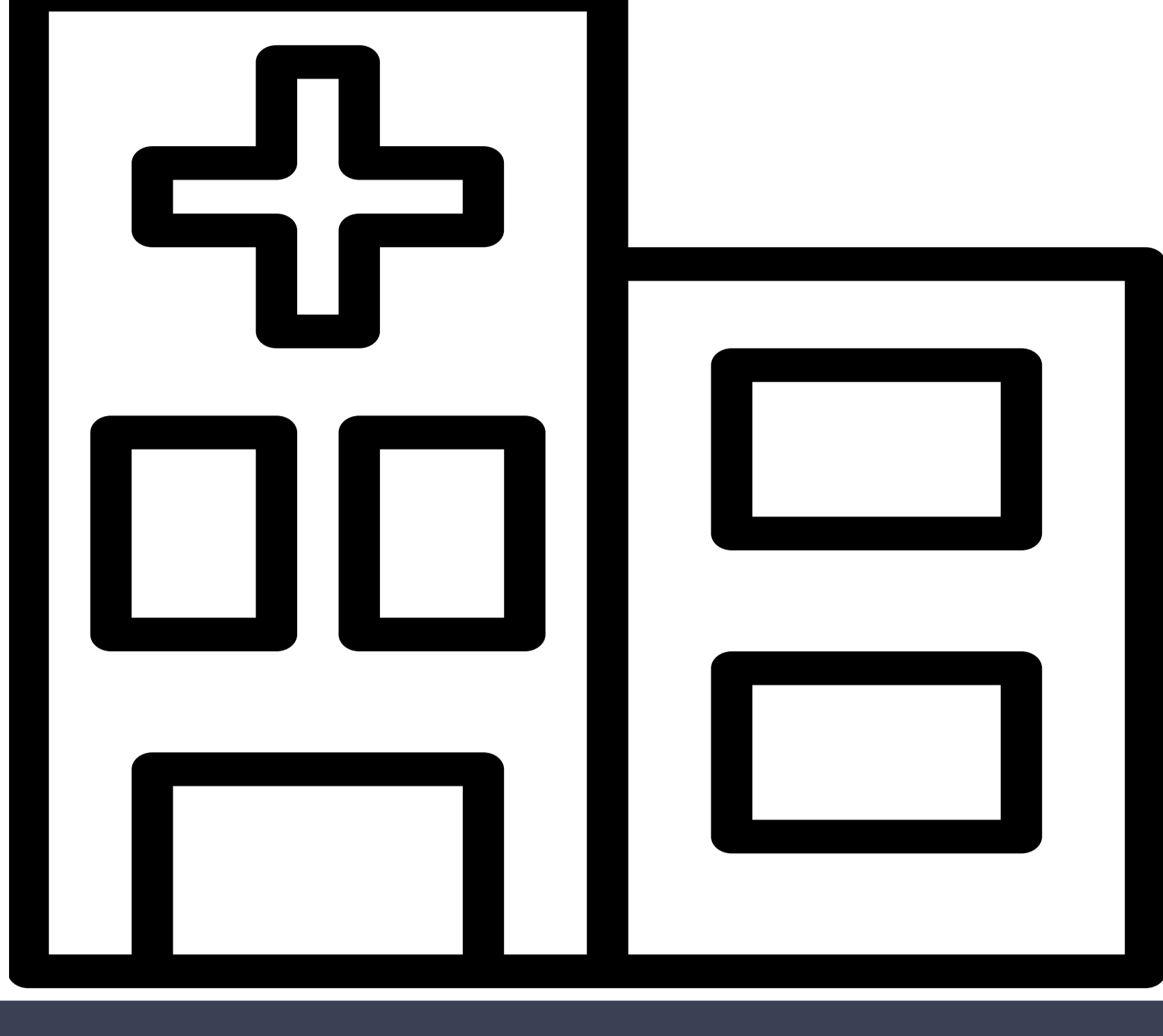


KEY PROVISIONS OF H.R. 2646

The Helping Families in Mental Health Crisis Act

Representative Tim Murphy's bipartisan mental health reform bill passed in the House of Representatives in July 2016. The updated bill removed some controversial elements while keeping and adding other amendments. Key provisions regarding Medicaid, HIPAA, Parity, Grant Funding and SAMHSA are described below.



MEDICAID BILLING

H.R. 2646 partially repeals the institutions for mental disease exclusion from Medicaid by permitting managed care organizations to use Medicaid funds for services in residential psychiatric and behavioral health facilities. These funds are limited to 15 days of hospitalization per month.

Allows for same-day billing of Medicaid for substance use, physical health, and mental health treatments.

HIPAA

Removes language that loosens restrictions to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), leaving HIPAA restrictions unchanged.

The new bill proposes \$10 million in funds to better inform families and providers about HIPAA regulations.



PROPOSED FUNDING



INNOVATION GRANTS
\$21 million in grants to evaluate promising practices for mental health treatment.



CRISIS INTERVENTION TRAINING (CIT)
Allows for \$27 million to be spent to provide CIT training to police officers.



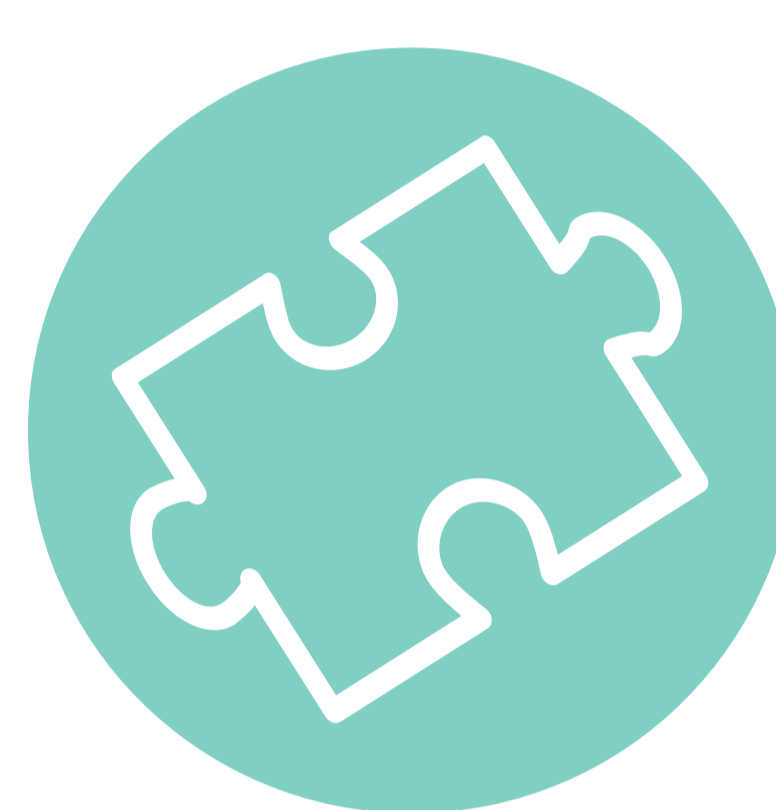
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
\$60 million allocated to train psychologists to work with the acutely ill.



ASSISTED OUTPATIENT TREATMENT (AOT)
Increases funding for AOT treatment to \$79 million



SUICIDE PREVENTION
Allows for \$150 million to go towards preventing adult suicide and an additional \$45 million towards preventing suicide across all ages.



ASSERTIVE COMMUNITY TREATMENT (ACT)
Proposes \$5 million to be spent on ACT treatments.

SAMHSA

Establishes an Assistant Secretary of Mental Health within Health and Human Services to oversee SAMHSA and to develop a plan to improve services.

PARITY LAW

Requires an investigative study to evaluate group health care plans to ensure equal coverage for mental health and substance use needs.

PAIMI

H.R. 2646 removed plans to limit protection and advocacy for individuals with mental illness (PAIMI) programs.

RECENTLY REMOVED AMENDMENTS

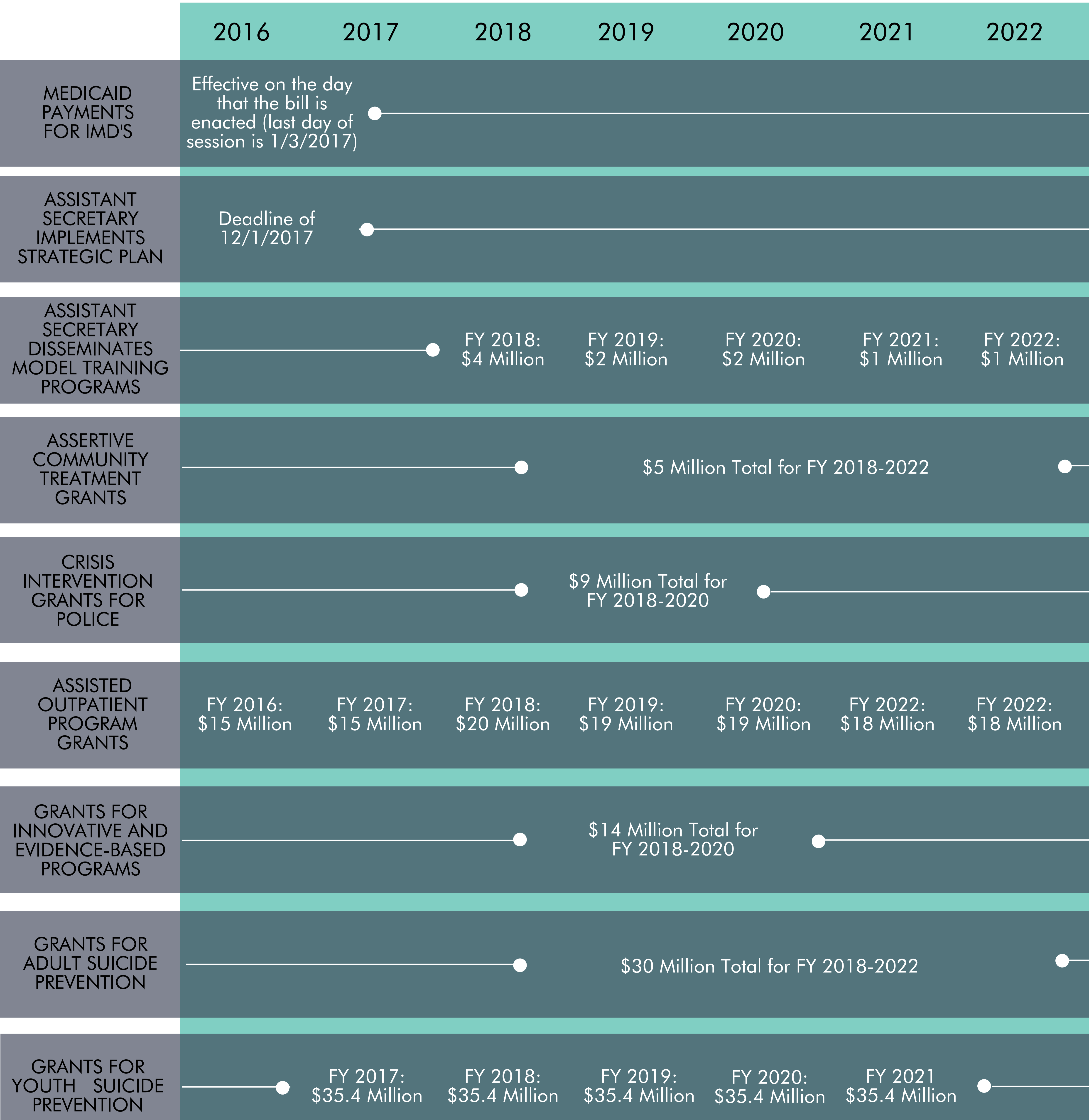
The updated bill removed an amendment by Representative Ben Ray Lujan regarding Mental Health in Schools. The amendment proposed to increase SAMHSA programs for youth and adolescents.

The most recent version of H.R. 2646 also eliminated Representative Joe Kennedy's amendment based on the Behavioral Health Coverage Transparency Act, intended to increase parity compliance.

Another provision regarding expanding Medicaid payments for psychiatric hospitalizations was also removed.

TIMELINE OF PROVISIONS

H.R. 2646 passed in the House on 7/6/2016 and has moved to the Senate, where it has been read and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. The next step is for the Senate to vote on the bill during this session, ending on 1/3/2017. If the bill passes and is signed into law, the timeline below shows when certain provisions and grants are implemented, as described in the bill.



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