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Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act (MHPAEA) (B) Working Group  
Chicago, Illinois  
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The MHPAEA (B) Working Group of the Regulatory Framework (B) Task Force met in Chicago, IL, Aug. 14, 2024. The following Working Group members participated: Erica Weyhenmeyer, Chair (IL); Jane Beyer, Vice Chair (WA); Crystal Phelps (AR); Debra Judy (CO); Kurt Swan (CT); Elizabeth Nunes (GA); Andria Seip (IA); Julie Holmes (KS); Mary Kwei (MD); T.J. Patton (MN); Jo LeDuc (MO); Robert Croom and Tracy Biehn (NC); Chrystal Bartuska (ND); Michelle Heaton (NH); Alejandro Amparan (NM); Kyla Dembowski (OH); Ashley Scott (OK); Shannen Logue (PA); Jill Kruger (SD); Matthew Tarpley (TX); Ryan Jubber and Shelley Wiseman (UT); Julie Fairbanks (VA); Rebecca Rebholz (WI); Joylynn Fix (WV), and Jill Reinking (WY).

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Chrissy Finn (Optum) and Sarah Johnson (Optum) described the InterQual clinical guidelines. Finn said the guidelines are intended to ensure patients get the right care at the right time in the right setting, efficiently. She said inappropriate care, slow adoption of evidence, increasing complexity, and



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