

AI-ASSISTED THERAPY RESEARCH

Introduced

Risk: Medium

Amendment

Last Action (Mar 27, 2026): Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee

Summary

The bill amends the Wellness and Oversight for Psychological Resources Act to allow AI-assisted therapy within qualified research programs, specifying penalties for any violations of the amendatory Act.

Business Impact

If you operate an academic medical center in Illinois, you must register qualified research programs using AI by the effective date or face penalties.

Key Provisions

- Defines 'qualified research program' with specific criteria.
- Exempts AI-assisted therapy from unauthorized service prohibitions under certain conditions, excluding services outside the approved research protocol.
- Requires academic medical centers to register existing programs within 90 days.
- Mandates informed consent from research participants regarding AI use and ensures they are not denied access to standard care.
- Establishes penalties for any violations of the requirements of the amendatory Act, enforced by the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, applicable to both academic medical centers and licensed professionals.
- Requires a licensed professional participating in a qualified research program to perform certain actions, such as obtaining informed consent and ensuring compliance with research protocols.
- Requires the Department to submit a report to the General Assembly evaluating various aspects of the qualified research programs.
- Includes a repeal date of January 1, 2030.

Compliance Checklist

- Register existing qualified research programs | Who: Academic medical centers | Penalty: Potential loss of exemption status
- Ensure all AI systems comply with HIPAA and safety testing | Who: Licensed professionals and academic medical centers | Penalty: Civil penalties and referral for professional discipline

Industries Affected

Education Research Healthcare Finance

Topics

AI Healthcare Comprehensive AI AI in Education

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