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Senate Bill 939

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[Originating in the Select Committee on Substance Use
Disorder and Mental Health; reported March 27, 2025]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section,
2 designated §16B-13-4a, relating to testing for substance use disorder; and setting forth
3 testing guidelines for office-based medication-assisted treatment facilities.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 13. MEDICATION-ASSISTED TREATMENT PROGRAM LICENSING ACT.

§16B-13-4a. Progression of treatment for substance use disorder.

1 (a) Upon being admitted as a patient to an office-based medication-assisted treatment
2 program, the provider shall perform a comprehensive, quantitative, direct observation drug test.

3 (b) After this time and continuing for six weeks, a direct observation, quantitative test must
4 be performed every two weeks for six weeks.

5 (c) Once the patient moves into the stabilization phase of treatment, the patient shall
6 undergo a direct observation, qualitative test every 45 days for one year while in treatment.

7 (d) Following the stabilization phase of treatment, the patient moves into the maintenance
8 phase of treatment and during the maintenance phase of treatment shall undergo a direct
9 observation, qualitative test every six months thereafter until discharge from the program.

10 (e) At any point the provider wants to assess compliance, the patient must be willing to
11 produce a direct observation qualitative or quantitative test upon the provider request.