WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

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Introduced

Senate Bill 515

By Senator Takubo

[Introduced January 20, 2026; referred

to the Committee on Health and Human Resources;

and then to the Committee on Finance]

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 drug testing for individuals in an office-based,

3   medication-assisted treatment program; and providing a schedule of drug tests.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 13. MEDICATION-ASSISTED TREATMENT PROGRAM LICENSING ACT.

§16B-13-4a. Drug testing during 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, definitive drug test.

3   (b) After this time and continuing for six weeks, a direct observation, definitive test must be

4   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, presumptive 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, presumptive 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 presumptive or definitive test upon the provider request.

12   (f) Unexpected findings from presumptive test issued pursuant to this section may be

13   subject to confirmation of results or testing of additional substances of concern for which

14   presumptive testing is inadequate or unavailable by a definitive testing method.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to require drug tests for individuals receiving office-based medication-assisted treatment.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.