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To Whom It May Concern:

Please clarify:

For a plan that includes coverage for both mental health and substance use disorder benefits must the financial requirements and treatment limitations (which are no less restrictive for those for medical and surgical benefits) be applied separately to each benefit (for example – 20 visits for medical/surgical, 20 visits for mental health, and 20 visits for substance use disorder benefits), or may they be aggregated for the mental health and substance use disorder benefits (for example – 20 visits for medical/surgical and 20 visits for mental health/substance use disorder)?

Thank you,
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