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11 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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17 To amend the District of Columbia Mental Health Information Act of 1978 to permit the sharing
18 of mental health information with other licensed health professionals to facilitate the
19 coordination of services and care.

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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
22 act may be cited as the “Behavioral Health Coordination of Care Amendment Act of 2015”.

23 Sec. 2. Section 301 of the District of Columbia Mental Health Information Act of 1978,
24 effective March 3, 1979 (D.C. Law 2-136; D.C. Official Code § 7-1203.01), is amended as
25 follows:

26 (a) Subsection (b) is amended to read as follows:

27 “(b) Mental health information may be disclosed by a mental health facility to other
28 mental health facilities and to health professionals involved in caring for, treating, or
29 rehabilitating the consumer for the purpose of coordination of care or treatment.”.

30 (b) A new subsection (c) is added to read as follows:

31 “(c) For the purposes of this section, the term “Health professional” means a person
32 licensed or permitted to practice a health occupation in the District under the District of
33 Columbia Health Occupations Revision Act of 1985, effective March 25, 1986 (D.C. Law 6-99;
34 D.C. Official Code §3-1201.01 *et seq.*)”.

35 Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

36 The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal
37 impact statement required by section 602(c)(3) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act,
38 approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(3)).

39 Sec. 4. Effective date.

40 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the
41 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of Congressional review as
42 provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December
43 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of
44 Columbia Register.