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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2023

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RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES

Introduced By: Representatives Phillips, Cardillo, J. Brien, Corvese, Costantino, Lima,  
Casey, Noret, and Dawson

Date Introduced: April 21, 2023

Referred To: House Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 27-18 of the General Laws entitled "Accident and Sickness Insurance  
2 Policies" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **27-18-82. Dependent health insurance protection.**

4 For the purpose of eligibility of group health insurance coverage, any dependent of an  
5 employee who is eligible for employer sponsored medical health insurance coverage shall be  
6 eligible to maintain such coverage, in the event said employee wishes to change their individual  
7 health coverage to Medicare or is currently on Medicare.

8 SECTION 2. Chapter 27-19 of the General Laws entitled "Nonprofit Hospital Service  
9 Corporations" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

10 **27-19-83. Dependent health insurance protection.**

11 For the purpose of eligibility of group health insurance coverage, any dependent of an  
12 employee who is eligible for employer sponsored medical health insurance coverage shall be  
13 eligible to maintain such coverage, in the event said employee wishes to change their individual  
14 health coverage to Medicare or is currently on Medicare.

15 SECTION 3. Chapter 27-20 of the General Laws entitled "Nonprofit Medical Service  
16 Corporations" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

17 **27-20-79. Dependent health insurance protection.**

18 For the purpose of eligibility of group health insurance coverage, any dependent of an  
19 employee who is eligible for employer sponsored medical health insurance coverage shall be

1 [eligible to maintain such coverage, in the event said employee wishes to change their individual](#)  
2 [health coverage to Medicare or is currently on Medicare.](#)

3 SECTION 4. Chapter 27-41 of the General Laws entitled "Health Maintenance  
4 Organizations" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

5 **27-41-96. Dependent health insurance protection.**

6 [For the purpose of eligibility of group health insurance coverage, any dependent of an](#)  
7 [employee who is eligible for employer sponsored medical health insurance coverage shall be](#)  
8 [eligible to maintain such coverage, in the event said employee wishes to change their individual](#)  
9 [health coverage to Medicare or is currently on Medicare.](#)

10 SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would protect and continue health insurance coverage for the dependent of an  
2 employee who wishes to change their health insurance coverage to Medicare or are currently on  
3 Medicare.

4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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