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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES --
PHYSICAL THERAPY COPAY

Introduced By: Senators DiMario, Lawson, Lauria, Ujifusa, Valverde, Pearson, and
Miller

Date Introduced: February 16, 2023

Referred To: Senate Health & Human Services

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 **27-18-91. Physical therapists.**

4 (a) An individual or group health insurance plan or policy delivered, issued for delivery, or
5 renewed in this state on or after January 1, 2024, shall not impose a copayment, coinsurance, or
6 office visit deductible amount charged to the insured for services rendered by a physical therapist
7 licensed under § 5-40-7 that is greater than the copayment, coinsurance or office visit deductible
8 amount charged to the insured for the services of a primary care physician or osteopath licensed
9 under chapter 37 of title 5.

10 (b) An insurer shall state clearly the availability of physical therapy coverage under its plan
11 and all related limitations, conditions, and exclusions.

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

14 **27-19-83. Physical therapists.**

15 (a) An individual or group health insurance plan or policy delivered, issued for delivery, or
16 renewed in this state on or after January 1, 2024, shall not impose a copayment, coinsurance, or
17 office visit deductible amount charged to the insured for services rendered by a physical therapist
18 licensed under § 5-40-7 that is greater than the copayment, coinsurance or office visit deductible

1 amount charged to the insured for the services of a primary care physician or osteopath licensed
2 under chapter 37 of title 5.

3 (b) An insurer shall state clearly the availability of physical therapy coverage under its plan
4 and all related limitations, conditions, and exclusions.

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

7 **27-20-79. Physical therapists.**

8 (a) An individual or group health insurance plan or policy delivered, issued for delivery, or
9 renewed in this state on or after January 1, 2024, shall not impose a copayment, coinsurance, or
10 office visit deductible amount charged to the insured for services rendered by a physical therapist
11 licensed under § 5-40-7 that is greater than the copayment, coinsurance or office visit deductible
12 amount charged to the insured for the services of a primary care physician or osteopath licensed
13 under chapter 37 of title 5.

14 (b) An insurer shall state clearly the availability of physical therapy coverage under its plan
15 and all related limitations, conditions, and exclusions.

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

18 **27-41-96. Physical therapists.**

19 (a) An individual or group health insurance plan or policy delivered, issued for delivery, or
20 renewed in this state on or after January 1, 2024, shall not impose a copayment, coinsurance, or
21 office visit deductible amount charged to the insured for services rendered by a physical therapist
22 licensed under § 5-40-7 that is greater than the copayment, coinsurance or office visit deductible
23 amount charged to the insured for the services of a primary care physician or osteopath licensed
24 under chapter 37 of title 5.

25 (b) An insurer shall state clearly the availability of physical therapy coverage under its plan
26 and all related limitations, conditions, and exclusions.

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

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- 1 This act would limit copays, coinsurance or office deductibles for services of a physical
- 2 therapist to the amount authorized for the services of a primary care physician or osteopath.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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