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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2023

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RELATING TO INSURANCE -- INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR MENTAL ILLNESS AND
SUBSTANCE ABUSE

Introduced By: Senators Gallo, DiMario, Burke, Cano, Lawson, Miller, and Valverde

Date Introduced: March 23, 2023

Referred To: Senate Health & Human Services

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 27-38.2 of the General Laws entitled "Insurance Coverage for Mental
2 Illness and Substance Abuse" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **27-38.2-7. Reimbursement from private insurers.**

4 Every individual or group health insurance contract, plan, or policy delivered, issued, or
5 renewed by an insurer, health maintenance organization, nonprofit or for-profit health service
6 corporation on or after January 1, 2024, that provides benefits to individual subscribers and
7 members within the state, or to all group members having a principal place of employment within
8 the state, shall reimburse child care service providers for therapy services offered through EOHHS
9 certified Kids Connect/Therapeutic Childcare Services.

10 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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1 This act would require private insurers to reimburse child care service providers for therapy
2 services offered through EOHHS certified Kids Connect/Therapeutic Childcare Services. This
3 coverage would be effective January 1, 2024.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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