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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2025

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RELATING TO INSURANCE -- INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR MENTAL ILLNESS AND  
SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS

Introduced By: Representatives Shallcross Smith, Tanzi, Read, Kislak, Alzate, Slater,  
Ajello, Stewart, Fogarty, and Hull

Date Introduced: February 28, 2025

Referred To: House 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 Use Disorders" 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, 2026, 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 service providers for therapy services offered through EOHHS  
9 certified Kids Connect/Therapeutic Services.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would require every individual or group health insurance plan on or after January  
2 1, 2026, that provides benefits to reimburse child service providers for therapy services offered  
3 through EOHHS certified Kids Connect/Therapeutic Services.

4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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