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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2025

AN ACT

RELATING TO INSURANCE -- BENEFIT DETERMINATION AND UTILIZATION REVIEW ACT

Introduced By: Representative Joseph J. Solomon

Date Introduced: February 28, 2025

Referred To: House Health & Human Services

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Chapter 27-18.9 of the General Laws entitled "Benefit Determination and
- 2 Utilization Review Act" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:
- 3 <u>27-18.9-16. Medically necessary treatment -- Justification for denial.</u>
- 4 Any healthcare service or procedure authorized by a provider to a patient shall create a
- 5 presumption that the healthcare service or procedure is medically necessary and it shall be the duty
- 6 of the insurance company to provide justification for any denial of such healthcare service or
- 7 procedure.
- 8 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION

BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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This act would require insurance companies to prove that a healthcare service or procedure is not medically necessary.

This act would take effect upon passage.