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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

Introduced By: Senators DiMario, DiPalma, Gallo, Lawson, Thompson, Murray, Acosta, Valverde, McKenney, and Zurier

Date Introduced: February 07, 2025

Referred To: Senate Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1   SECTION 1. Chapter 40-8 of the General Laws entitled "Medical Assistance" is hereby

2   amended by adding thereto the following section:

3   **40-8-33. Graduate student services covered.**

4   Notwithstanding any general law, public law, special law, rule or regulation to the contrary,

5   Medicaid reimbursement shall be provided under this chapter for services provided by a graduate

6   student intern in one of the mental health professional disciplines who is formally assigned by an

7   accredited college/university to an agency or facility for clinical training. The graduate student

8   intern shall be allowed to receive compensation from these reimbursed hours and the supervising

9   organization is allowed to retain a portion of the compensation to cover expenses related to

10   supervisory work. A mental health practitioner working as a clinical trainee must:

11   (1) Comply with requirements for licensure or board certification as a mental health

12   professional including supervised practice in the delivery of mental health services for the treatment

13   of mental illness; or

14   (2) Be a graduate student in a bona fide field placement or internship under a program

15   leading to completion of the requirements for licensure as a mental health professional.

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

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EXPLANATION

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1   This act would provide that services provided by graduate student interns who work under

2   a supervisory protocol would be eligible to be paid from Medicaid reimbursement.

3   This act would take effect upon passage.

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