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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026**

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**A N A C T**

**RELATING TO INSURANCE -- BENEFIT DETERMINATION AND UTILIZATION  
REVIEW ACT**

Introduced By: Representative Joseph J. Solomon

Date Introduced: February 27, 2026

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           **27-18.9-17. Medically necessary treatment -- Justification for denial.**

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  
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- 1           This act would require insurance companies to prove that a healthcare service or procedure
- 2 is not medically necessary.
- 3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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