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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026

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RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES

Introduced By: Senators Bissailon, Ciccone, Tikoian, Gallo, Murray, and DiMario

Date Introduced: January 16, 2026

Referred To: Senate Health & Human Services

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 27-18-54 of the General Laws in Chapter 27-18 entitled "Accident
2 and Sickness Insurance Policies" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **27-18-54. Health insurance rates.**

4 No insurance company organized as a stock or mutual corporation that merges or
5 consolidates with, acquires ownership or control or possession of twenty percent (20%) or greater
6 of the operating assets of, or otherwise acquires control of a nonprofit hospital service corporation
7 organized under chapter 19 of this title, a nonprofit medical service corporation organized under
8 chapter 20 of this title, or a health maintenance organization organized under chapter 41 of this title
9 may: (1) File with any state agency for review or approval any proposed rate to be used by the
10 company in the state; ~~or~~ (2) Charge to any party in the state any rate or premium, that takes into
11 account or reflects in any manner the value of any contribution, distribution, or allocation the
12 company expends or incurs in establishing or funding a charitable foundation organized to maintain
13 or account for the assets of a nonprofit hospital service corporation, nonprofit medical service
14 corporation, or health maintenance organization; or (3) Pay a rate that is less than the approved
15 Medicaid rate for behavioral health services set by the executive office of health and human
16 services. For any rate that is to be charged to policy holders, regardless of whether the rate is subject
17 to approval by a state agency under this or another chapter, the company shall at least thirty (30)
18 days before implementing the rate submit under oath to the commissioner of insurance an
19 accounting that documents the cost structure on which the rate is based and demonstrates the

1 company's compliance with this section.

2 SECTION 2. Section 27-19-30.1 of the General Laws in Chapter 27-19 entitled "Nonprofit
3 Hospital Service Corporations" is hereby amended to read as follows:

4 **27-19-30.1. Health insurance rates.**

5 No insurance company organized as a stock or mutual corporation that merges or
6 consolidates with, acquires ownership or control or possession of twenty percent (20%) or greater
7 of the operating assets of, or otherwise acquires control of a nonprofit hospital service corporation
8 organized under this chapter, a nonprofit medical service corporation organized under chapter 20
9 of this title, or a health maintenance organization organized under chapter 41 of this title, may: (1)
10 File with any state agency for review or approval any proposed rate to be used by the company in
11 the state, ~~or~~; (2) Charge to any party in the state any rate or premium that takes into account or
12 reflects in any manner the value of any contribution, distribution, or allocation the company
13 expends or incurs in establishing or funding a charitable foundation organized to maintain or
14 otherwise account for the assets of a nonprofit hospital service corporation, nonprofit medical
15 service corporation, or health maintenance organization; or (3) Pay a rate that is less than the
16 approved Medicaid rate for behavioral health services set by the executive office of health and
17 human services. For any rate that is to be charged to policyholders, regardless of whether the rate
18 is subject to approval by a state agency under this or another chapter, the company shall at least
19 thirty (30) days before implementing the rate submit under oath to the commissioner of insurance
20 an accounting that documents the cost structure on which the rate is based and demonstrates the
21 company's compliance with this section.

22 SECTION 3. Section 27-20-25.2 of the General Laws in Chapter 27-20 entitled "Nonprofit
23 Medical Service Corporations" is hereby amended to read as follows:

24 **27-20-25.2. Health insurance rates.**

25 No insurance company organized as a stock or mutual corporation that merges or
26 consolidates with; acquires ownership or control or possession of twenty percent (20%) or greater
27 of the operating assets of; or acquires control of a nonprofit hospital service corporation organized
28 under chapter 19 of this title, a nonprofit medical service corporation organized under this chapter,
29 or a health maintenance organization organized under chapter 41 of this title may: (1) File with any
30 state agency for review or approval any proposed rate to be used by the company in the state, ~~or~~;
31 (2) Charge to any party in the state any rate or premium, that takes into account or reflects in any
32 manner the value of any contribution, distribution, or allocation the company expends or incurs in
33 establishing or funding a charitable foundation organized to maintain or account for the assets of a
34 nonprofit hospital service corporation, nonprofit medical service corporation, or health

1 maintenance organization; or (3) Pay a rate that is less than the approved Medicaid rate for
2 behavioral health services set by the executive office of health and human services. For any rate
3 that is to be charged to policyholders, regardless of whether this rate is subject to approval by a
4 state agency under this or another chapter, the company shall at least thirty (30) days before
5 implementing the rate submit under oath to the commissioner of insurance an accounting that
6 documents the cost structure on which the rate is based and demonstrates the company's
7 compliance with this section.

8 SECTION 4. Section 27-41-27.2 of the General Laws in Chapter 27-41 entitled "Health
9 Maintenance Organizations" is hereby amended to read as follows:

10 **27-41-27.2. Health insurance rates.**

11 No insurance company organized as a stock or mutual corporation that merges or
12 consolidates with, acquires ownership or control or possession of twenty percent (20%) or greater
13 of the operating assets of, or acquires control of a nonprofit hospital service corporation organized
14 under chapter 19 of this title, a nonprofit medical service corporation organized under chapter 20
15 of this title, or a health maintenance organization organized under chapter 41 of this title: (1) May
16 file with any state agency for review or approval any proposed rate to be used by the company in
17 the state, ~~or;~~ (2) May charge to any party in the state any rate or premium, that takes into account
18 or reflects in any manner the value of any contribution, distribution, or allocation the company
19 expends or incurs in establishing or funding a charitable foundation organized to maintain or
20 account for the assets of a nonprofit hospital service corporation, nonprofit medical service
21 corporation, or health maintenance organization; or (3) Pay a rate that is less than the approved
22 Medicaid rate for behavioral health services set by the executive office of health and human
23 services. For any rate that is to be charged to policyholders, regardless of whether this rate is subject
24 to approval by a state agency under this or another chapter, the company shall at least thirty (30)
25 days before implementing the rate submit under oath to the commissioner of insurance an
26 accounting that documents the cost structure on which the rate is based and demonstrates the
27 company's compliance with this section.

28 SECTION 5. This act shall take effect on January 1, 2027.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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- 1 This act would prohibit insurance companies from paying a rate that is less than the
- 2 approved Medicaid rate set by the executive office of health and human services.
- 3 This act would take effect on January 1, 2027.

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