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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026

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RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

Introduced By: Senators DiMario, Urso, Murray, Thompson, Quezada, Kallman, Lauria,
Britto, Mack, Appollonio, and Valverde
Date Introduced: January 23, 2026

Referred To: Senate Health & Human Services

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. Licensed independent clinical social workers - 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 by licensed independent
6 clinical social workers and those workers shall be entitled to enroll and bill Medicaid fee-for-
7 service directly for authorized and/or covered services provided to adults with Medicaid fee-for-
8 service coverage. The director is hereby directed to develop and promulgate a fee schedule and any
9 necessary rules or regulations required to implement the provisions of this section.

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

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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- 1 This act would provide that licensed independent clinical social workers be able to enroll
2 and bill Medicaid directly for covered services provided to adults with Medicaid fee-for-service
3 coverage.
4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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