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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021

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RELATING TO INSURANCE -- PHYSICAL THERAPY COPAY

Introduced By: Representatives Bennett, and Blazejewski

Date Introduced: January 27, 2021

Referred To: House Health, Education & Welfare

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 27-18 of the General Laws entitled "Accident and Sickness Insurance
2 Policies" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **27-18-85. Physical therapists.**

4 (a) An individual or group health insurance plan or policy delivered, issued for delivery, or
5 renewed in this state on or after January 1, 2022, shall not impose a copayment, coinsurance, or
6 office visit deductible amount charged to the insured for services rendered by a physical therapist
7 licensed under § 5-40-7 that is greater than the copayment, coinsurance or office visit deductible
8 amount charged to the insured for the services of a primary care physician or osteopath licensed
9 under chapters 36 and 37 of title 5.

10 (b) An insurer shall state clearly the availability of physical therapy coverage under its plan
11 and all related limitations, conditions, and exclusions.

12 SECTION 2. Chapter 27-19 of the General Laws entitled "Nonprofit Hospital Service
13 Corporations" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

14 **27-19-77. Physical therapists.**

15 (a) An individual or group health insurance plan or policy delivered, issued for delivery, or
16 renewed in this state on or after January 1, 2022, shall not impose a copayment, coinsurance, or
17 office visit deductible amount charged to the insured for services rendered by a physical therapist
18 licensed under § 5-40-7 that is greater than the copayment, coinsurance or office visit deductible
19 amount charged to the insured for the services of a primary care physician or osteopath licensed

1 [under chapters 36 and 37 of title 5.](#)

2 [\(b\) An insurer shall state clearly the availability of physical therapy coverage under its plan](#)
3 [and all related limitations, conditions, and exclusions.](#)

4 SECTION 3. Chapter 27-20 of the General Laws entitled "Nonprofit Medical Service
5 Corporations" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

6 **27-20-73. Physical therapists.**

7 [\(a\) An individual or group health insurance plan or policy delivered, issued for delivery, or](#)
8 [renewed in this state on or after January 1, 2022, shall not impose a copayment, coinsurance, or](#)
9 [office visit deductible amount charged to the insured for services rendered by a physical therapist](#)
10 [licensed under § 5-40-7 that is greater than the copayment, coinsurance or office visit deductible](#)
11 [amount charged to the insured for the services of a primary care physician or osteopath licensed](#)
12 [under chapters 36 and 37 of title 5.](#)

13 [\(b\) An insurer shall state clearly the availability of physical therapy coverage under its plan](#)
14 [and all related limitations, conditions, and exclusions.](#)

15 SECTION 4. Chapter 27-41 of the General Laws entitled "Health Maintenance
16 Organizations" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

17 **27-41-90. Physical therapists.**

18 [\(a\) An individual or group health insurance plan or policy delivered, issued for delivery, or](#)
19 [renewed in this state on or after January 1, 2022, shall not impose a copayment, coinsurance, or](#)
20 [office visit deductible amount charged to the insured for services rendered by a physical therapist](#)
21 [licensed under § 5-40-7 that is greater than the copayment, coinsurance or office visit deductible](#)
22 [amount charged to the insured for the services of a primary care physician or osteopath licensed](#)
23 [under chapters 36 and 37 of title 5.](#)

24 [\(b\) An insurer shall state clearly the availability of physical therapy coverage under its plan](#)
25 [and all related limitations, conditions, and exclusions.](#)

26 SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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- 1 This act would limit copays, coinsurance or office deductible for services of a physical
- 2 therapist to the amount authorized for the services of a primary care physician or osteopath.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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