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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021

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RELATING TO INSURANCE -- PRESCRIPTIONS

Introduced By: Representatives Diaz, Slater, Lombardi, Craven, Casey, Felix, Biah,
Ajello, Fogarty, and Kislak

Date Introduced: January 29, 2021

Referred To: House Health & Human Services

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 27-20.8 of the General Laws entitled "Prescription Drug Benefits" is
2 hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **27-20.8-3. Co-pay cap for prescription insulin.**

4 (a) As used in this section, unless the context otherwise requires, "prescription insulin drug"
5 means a prescription drug, as defined in § 21-31-2, that contains insulin and is used to treat diabetes.

6 (b) A carrier that provides coverage for prescription insulin drugs pursuant to the terms of
7 a health coverage plan the carrier offers shall cap the total amount that a covered person is required
8 to pay for a covered prescription insulin drug at an amount not to exceed fifty dollars (\$50.00), per
9 thirty (30) day supply of medically necessary insulin.

10 (c) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent a carrier from reducing a covered
11 person's cost sharing to an amount less than the amount specified in subsection (b) of this section.

12 (d) The health insurance commissioner may use any of their enforcement powers to obtain
13 a carrier's compliance with this section.

14 (e) The commissioner may promulgate such rules and regulations necessary to implement
15 and administer the provisions of this section and to align with federal requirements.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on January 1, 2022.

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would limit health insurance carriers that provide coverage for prescription insulin
2 drugs used to treat diabetes to fifty (\$50.00) dollars copayment for a thirty (30) day supply of
3 medically necessary insulin.

4 This act would take effect on January 1, 2022.

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