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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES

Introduced By: Senators Sosnowski, McCaffrey, Goodwin, Gallo, Felag, Coyne, Lawson,  
Cano, Acosta, and DiPalma

Date Introduced: January 11, 2021

Referred To: Senate Health & Human Services

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. Gender rating.**

4           (a) No individual or group health insurance contract, plan, or policy delivered, issued for  
5 delivery, or renewed in this state, which provides medical coverage that includes coverage for  
6 physician services in a physician's office, and no policy which provides major medical or similar  
7 comprehensive-type coverage, excluding disability income, long-term care, and insurance  
8 supplemental policies which only provide coverage for specified diseases or other supplemental  
9 policies, shall vary the premium rate for a health coverage plan based on the gender of the individual  
10 policy holders, enrollees, subscribers, or members.

11           (b) This section shall not apply to insurance coverage providing benefits for any of the  
12 following:

13           (1) Hospital confinement indemnity;

14           (2) Disability income;

15           (3) Accident only;

16           (4) Long-term care;

17           (5) Medicare supplement;

18           (6) Limited benefit health;

19           (7) Specified disease indemnity;

1 [\(8\) Sickness of bodily injury or death by accident or both; and](#)

2 [\(9\) Other limited benefit policies.](#)

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

5 **27-19-77. Gender rating.**

6 [\(a\) No individual or group health insurance contract, plan, or policy delivered, issued for](#)  
7 [delivery, or renewed in this state, which provides medical coverage that includes coverage for](#)  
8 [physician services in a physician's office, and no policy which provides major medical or similar](#)  
9 [comprehensive-type coverage, excluding disability income, long-term care, and insurance](#)  
10 [supplemental policies which only provide coverage for specified diseases or other supplemental](#)  
11 [policies, shall vary the premium rate for a health coverage plan based on the gender of the individual](#)  
12 [policy holders, enrollees, subscribers, or members.](#)

13 [\(b\) This section shall not apply to insurance coverage providing benefits for any of the](#)  
14 [following:](#)

15 [\(1\) Hospital confinement indemnity;](#)

16 [\(2\) Disability income;](#)

17 [\(3\) Accident only;](#)

18 [\(4\) Long-term care;](#)

19 [\(5\) Medicare supplement;](#)

20 [\(6\) Limited benefit health;](#)

21 [\(7\) Specified disease indemnity;](#)

22 [\(8\) Sickness of bodily injury or death by accident or both; and](#)

23 [\(9\) Other limited benefit policies.](#)

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

26 **27-20-73. Gender rating.**

27 [\(a\) No individual or group health insurance contract, plan, or policy delivered, issued for](#)  
28 [delivery, or renewed in this state, which provides medical coverage that includes coverage for](#)  
29 [physician services in a physician's office, and no policy which provides major medical or similar](#)  
30 [comprehensive-type coverage, excluding disability income, long-term care, and insurance](#)  
31 [supplemental policies which only provide coverage for specified diseases or other supplemental](#)  
32 [policies, shall vary the premium rate for a health coverage plan based on the gender of the individual](#)  
33 [policy holders, enrollees, subscribers, or members.](#)

34 [\(b\) This section shall not apply to insurance coverage providing benefits for any of the](#)

1 following:

- 2 (1) Hospital confinement indemnity;
- 3 (2) Disability income;
- 4 (3) Accident only;
- 5 (4) Long-term care;
- 6 (5) Medicare supplement;
- 7 (6) Limited benefit health;
- 8 (7) Specified disease indemnity;
- 9 (8) Sickness of bodily injury or death by accident or both; and
- 10 (9) Other limited benefit policies.

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

13 **27-41-90. Gender rating.**

14 (a) No individual or group health insurance contract, plan, or policy delivered, issued for  
15 delivery, or renewed in this state, which provides medical coverage that includes coverage for  
16 physician services in a physician's office, and no policy which provides major medical or similar  
17 comprehensive-type coverage, excluding disability income, long-term care, and insurance  
18 supplemental policies which only provide coverage for specified diseases or other supplemental  
19 policies, shall vary the premium rate for a health coverage plan based on the gender of the individual  
20 policy holders, enrollees, subscribers, or members.

21 (b) This section shall not apply to insurance coverage providing benefits for any of the  
22 following:

- 23 (1) Hospital confinement indemnity;
- 24 (2) Disability income;
- 25 (3) Accident only;
- 26 (4) Long-term care;
- 27 (5) Medicare supplement;
- 28 (6) Limited benefit health;
- 29 (7) Specified disease indemnity;
- 30 (8) Sickness of bodily injury or death by accident or both; and
- 31 (9) Other limited benefit policies.

1 SECTION 5. This act shall take effect on January 1, 2023.

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EXPLANATION  
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
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1           This act would prohibit insurance companies from varying the premium rates charged for  
2 a health coverage plan based on the gender of the individual policy holder, enrollee, subscriber, or  
3 member.

4           This act would take effect on January 1, 2023.

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