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RELATING TO INSURANCE - ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES

Introduced By: Senators Doyle, P Fogarty, Nesselbush, and Lynch

Date Introduced: February 25, 2015

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
2 Insurance Policies" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **27-18-34.1. Health insurance contracts - Clinical pharmacist practitioners. – (a)**
4 Every health insurance contract, plan, or policy delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed in this
5 state shall provide coverage for the services of a clinical pharmacist practitioner, practicing
6 collaboratively, or in the employ of a pharmacist licensed under chapter 19.1 of title 5, to
7 subscribers if the services are within the clinical pharmacist practitioner's area of professional
8 competence as established by education and certification, and are currently reimbursed when
9 rendered by any other licensed health care provider. No insurer or hospital, medical service
10 corporation, or health maintenance organization may require the signature, by any other health
11 care provider as a condition of reimbursement. No insurer or hospital, medical service
12 corporation, or health maintenance organization may be required to pay for duplicative services
13 actually rendered by both a clinical pharmacist practitioner and any other health care provider.

14 (b) Nothing in this chapter shall preclude the conducting of managed care reviews and
15 medical necessity reviews by an insurer or hospital, medical service corporation or health
16 maintenance organization.

17 (c) This section shall not apply to insurance coverage providing benefits for: (1) Hospital
18 confinement indemnity; (2) Disability income; (3) Accident only; (4) Long-term care; (5)
19 Medicare supplement; (6) Limited benefit health; (7) Specified disease indemnity; (8) Sickness or

1 [bodily injury or death by accident or both; and \(9\) Other limited benefit policies.](#)

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

4 **27-19-27.1. Health insurance contracts - Clinical pharmacist practitioners. -- (a)**
5 [Every health insurance contract, plan, or policy delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed in this](#)
6 [state shall provide coverage for the services of a clinical pharmacist practitioner, practicing](#)
7 [collaboratively, or in the employ of a pharmacist licensed under chapter 19.1 of title 5, to](#)
8 [subscribers if the services are within the clinical pharmacist practitioner's area of professional](#)
9 [competence as established by education and certification, and are currently reimbursed when](#)
10 [rendered by any other licensed health care provider. No insurer or hospital, medical service](#)
11 [corporation, or health maintenance organization may require the signature, by any other health](#)
12 [care provider as a condition of reimbursement. No insurer or hospital, medical service](#)
13 [corporation, or health maintenance organization may be required to pay for duplicative services](#)
14 [actually rendered by both a clinical pharmacist practitioner and any other health care provider.](#)

15 [\(b\) Nothing in this chapter shall preclude the conducting of managed care reviews and](#)
16 [medical necessity reviews by an insurer or hospital, medical service corporation or health](#)
17 [maintenance organization.](#)

18 [\(c\) This section shall not apply to insurance coverage providing benefits for: \(1\) Hospital](#)
19 [confinement indemnity; \(2\) Disability income; \(3\) Accident only; \(4\) Long-term care; \(5\)](#)
20 [Medicare supplement; \(6\) Limited benefit health; \(7\) Specified disease indemnity; \(8\) Sickness or](#)
21 [bodily injury or death by accident or both; and \(9\) Other limited benefit policies.](#)

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

24 **27-20-35.2. Third-party reimbursement for services of clinical pharmacist**
25 **practitioners. -- (a) Every health insurance contract, plan, or policy delivered, issued for**
26 [delivery, or renewed in this state shall provide coverage for the services of a clinical pharmacist](#)
27 [practitioner, practicing collaboratively, or in the employ of a pharmacist licensed under chapter](#)
28 [19.1 of title 5, to subscribers if the services are within the clinical pharmacist practitioner's area of](#)
29 [professional competence as established by education and certification, and are currently](#)
30 [reimbursed when rendered by any other licensed health care provider. No insurer or hospital,](#)
31 [medical service corporation, or health maintenance organization may require the signature, by](#)
32 [any other health care provider as a condition of reimbursement. No insurer or hospital, medical](#)
33 [service corporation, or health maintenance organization may be required to pay for duplicative](#)
34 [services actually rendered by both a clinical pharmacist practitioner and any other health care](#)

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3 medical necessity reviews by an insurer or hospital, medical service corporation or health
4 maintenance organization.

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

9 SECTION 4. Chapter 27-20.1 of the General Laws entitled "Nonprofit Dental Service
10 Corporations" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

11 **27-20.1-9.1. Health insurance contracts - Clinical pharmacist practitioners. -- (a)**
12 Every health insurance contract, plan, or policy delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed in this
13 state shall provide coverage for the services of a clinical pharmacist practitioner, practicing
14 collaboratively, or in the employ of a pharmacist licensed under chapter 19.1 of title 5, to
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23 medical necessity reviews by an insurer or hospital, medical service corporation or health
24 maintenance organization.

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

29 SECTION 5. Chapter 27-41 of the General Laws entitled "Health Maintenance
30 Organizations" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

31 **27-41-40.1. Health insurance contracts - Clinical pharmacist practitioners. -- (a)**
32 Every health insurance contract, plan, or policy delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed in this
33 state shall provide coverage for the services of a clinical pharmacist practitioner, practicing
34 collaboratively, or in the employ of a pharmacist licensed under chapter 19.1 of title 5, to

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2 competence as established by education and certification, and are currently reimbursed when
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9 medical necessity reviews by an insurer or hospital, medical service corporation or health
10 maintenance organization.

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

15 SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would require all health insurance contracts, plans, or policies to provide
2 coverage for the services of clinical pharmacist practitioners.

3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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