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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: Representatives Bennett, Hull, McNamara, Azzinaro, and Diaz

Date Introduced: February 24, 2016

Referred To: House Corporations

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 **27-18-82. Opioid antagonists.** -- (a) Every individual or group health insurance contract,
4 plan, or policy that provides prescription coverage that is delivered, issued for delivery, amended
5 or renewed in this state on or after January 1, 2017, shall provide coverage for all opioid
6 antagonists and all necessary devices and services related thereto, including provision of patient
7 information.

8 (b) As used in this section:

9 (1) "Opioid antagonist" means naloxone hydrochloride and any other drug approved by
10 the United States Food and Drug Administration for the treatment of opioid overdose.

11 (2) "Patient" has the meaning provided in R.I. Admin. Code 31-2-9:1.0.

12 (3) "Patient information" has the meaning provided in R.I. Admin. Code 31-2-9:1.0

13 (c) The coverage mandated by this section shall include all opioid antagonists prescribed
14 or dispensed as permitted by R.I. Admin. Code 31-2-9 or any other statute or regulation,
15 including, without limitation, opioid antagonists prescribed or dispensed via standing order or
16 collaborative practice agreement and opioid antagonists intended for use on patients other than
17 the insured. No prior authorization may be required for any opioid antagonist.

18 (d) Notwithstanding §27-18-19 or any other provision to the contrary, this section shall
19 apply to blanket or group polices of insurance.

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

3 **27-19-73. Opioid antagonists.** -- (a) Every individual or group health insurance contract,
4 plan, or policy that provides prescription coverage that is delivered, issued for delivery, amended
5 or renewed in this state on or after January 1, 2017, shall provide coverage for all opioid
6 antagonists and all necessary devices and services related thereto, including provision of patient
7 information.

8 (b) As used in this section:

9 (1) "Opioid antagonist" means naloxone hydrochloride and any other drug approved by
10 the United States Food and Drug Administration for the treatment of opioid overdose.

11 (2) "Patient" has the meaning provided in R.I. Admin. Code 31-2-9:1.0.

12 (3) "Patient information" has the meaning provided in R.I. Admin. Code 31-2-9:1.0

13 (c) The coverage mandated by this section shall include all opioid antagonists prescribed
14 or dispensed as permitted by R.I. Admin. Code 31-2-9 or any other statute or regulation,
15 including, without limitation, opioid antagonists prescribed or dispensed via standing order or
16 collaborative practice agreement and opioid antagonists intended for use on patients other than
17 the insured. No prior authorization may be required for any opioid antagonist.

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

20 **27-20-69. Opioid antagonists.** -- (a) Every individual or group health insurance contract,
21 plan, or policy that provides prescription coverage that is delivered, issued for delivery, amended
22 or renewed in this state on or after January 1, 2017, shall provide coverage for all opioid
23 antagonists and all necessary devices and services related thereto, including provision of patient
24 information.

25 (b) As used in this section:

26 (1) "Opioid antagonist" means naloxone hydrochloride and any other drug approved by
27 the United States Food and Drug Administration for the treatment of opioid overdose.

28 (2) "Patient" has the meaning provided in R.I. Admin. Code 31-2-9:1.0.

29 (3) "Patient information" has the meaning provided in R.I. Admin. Code 31-2-9:1.0

30 (c) The coverage mandated by this section shall include all opioid antagonists prescribed
31 or dispensed as permitted by R.I. Admin. Code 31-2-9 or any other statute or regulation,
32 including, without limitation, opioid antagonists prescribed or dispensed via standing order or
33 collaborative practice agreement and opioid antagonists intended for use on patients other than
34 the insured. No prior authorization may be required for any opioid antagonist.

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

3 **27-41-86. Opioid antagonists.** -- (a) Every individual or group health insurance contract,
4 plan, or policy that provides prescription coverage that is delivered, issued for delivery, amended
5 or renewed in this state on or after January 1, 2017, shall provide coverage for all opioid
6 antagonists and all necessary devices and services related thereto, including provision of patient
7 information.

8 (b) As used in this section:

9 (1) "Opioid antagonist" means naloxone hydrochloride and any other drug approved by
10 the United States Food and Drug Administration for the treatment of opioid overdose.

11 (2) "Patient" has the meaning provided in R.I. Admin. Code 31-2-9:1.0.

12 (3) "Patient information" has the meaning provided in R.I. Admin. Code 31-2-9:1.0

13 (c) The coverage mandated by this section shall include all opioid antagonists prescribed
14 or dispensed as permitted by R.I. Admin. Code 31-2-9 or any other statute or regulation,
15 including, without limitation, opioid antagonists prescribed or dispensed via standing order or
16 collaborative practice agreement and opioid antagonists intended for use on patients other than
17 the insured. No prior authorization may be required for any opioid antagonist.

18 SECTION 5. This act shall take effect on January 1, 2017.

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would require all health insurance providers that provide prescription coverage
2 to provide coverage for opioid antagonists (overdose preventive medicine), and all devices and
3 services related to the use thereof. This would apply to nonprofit hospital service corporations,
4 nonprofit medical service corporations and health maintenance organizations.

5 This act would take effect on January 1, 2017.

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