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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2016

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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 at least one generic
6 opioid antagonist and device. Prior authorization may be required for non-generic forms of opioid
7 antagonists and devices.

8 (b) As used in this section:

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

11 (c) The coverage mandated by this section shall include generic opioid antagonists
12 prescribed or dispensed via standing order or collaborative practice agreement intended for use on
13 patients other than the insured. Prior authorization may be required for non-generic forms of
14 opioid antagonists and devices.

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

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

19 **27-19-73. Opioid antagonists.** -- (a) Every individual or group health insurance contract,

1 plan, or policy that provides prescription coverage that is delivered, issued for delivery, amended
2 or renewed in this state on or after January 1, 2017, shall provide coverage for at least one generic
3 opioid antagonist and device. Prior authorization may be required for non-generic forms of opioid
4 antagonists and devices.

5 (b) As used in this section:

6 "Opioid antagonist" means naloxone hydrochloride and any other drug approved by the
7 United States Food and Drug Administration for the treatment of opioid overdose.

8 (c) The coverage mandated by this section shall include generic opioid antagonists
9 prescribed or dispensed via standing order or collaborative practice agreement intended for use on
10 patients other than the insured. Prior authorization may be required for non-generic forms of
11 opioid antagonists and devices.

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

14 **27-20-69. Opioid antagonists.** -- (a) Every individual or group health insurance contract,
15 plan, or policy that provides prescription coverage that is delivered, issued for delivery, amended
16 or renewed in this state on or after January 1, 2017, shall provide coverage for at least one generic
17 opioid antagonist and device. Prior authorization may be required for non-generic forms of opioid
18 antagonists and devices.

19 (b) As used in this section:

20 "Opioid antagonist" means naloxone hydrochloride and any other drug approved by the
21 United States Food and Drug Administration for the treatment of opioid overdose.

22 (c) The coverage mandated by this section shall include generic opioid antagonists
23 prescribed or dispensed via standing order or collaborative practice agreement intended for use on
24 patients other than the insured. Prior authorization may be required for non-generic forms of
25 opioid antagonists and devices.

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

28 **27-41-86. Opioid antagonists.** -- (a) Every individual or group health insurance contract,
29 plan, or policy that provides prescription coverage that is delivered, issued for delivery, amended
30 or renewed in this state on or after January 1, 2017, shall provide coverage for at least one generic
31 opioid antagonist and device. Prior authorization may be required for non-generic forms of opioid
32 antagonists and devices.

33 (b) As used in this section:

34 "Opioid antagonist" means naloxone hydrochloride and any other drug approved by the

1 [United States Food and Drug Administration for the treatment of opioid overdose.](#)

2 [\(c\) The coverage mandated by this section shall include generic opioid antagonists](#)
3 [prescribed or dispensed via standing order or collaborative practice agreement intended for use on](#)
4 [patients other than the insured. Prior authorization may be required for non-generic forms of](#)
5 [opioid antagonists and devices.](#)

6 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 include coverage for generic opioid antagonists (overdose preventive medicine), and devices. It
3 would permit prior authorization for non-generic forms of opioid antagonists and devices. This
4 act would apply to nonprofit hospital service corporations, nonprofit medical service corporations
5 and health maintenance organizations.

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

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