

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE HEALTHCARE SERVICES
FUNDING PLAN ACT

Introduced By: Senators Goodwin, and DiMario

Date Introduced: March 07, 2023

Referred To: Senate Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 42-7.4-3 of the General Laws in Chapter 42-7.4 entitled "The
2 Healthcare Services Funding Plan Act" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **42-7.4-3. Imposition of healthcare services funding contribution.**

4 (a) Each insurer is required to pay the healthcare services funding contribution for each
5 contribution enrollee of the insurer at the time the contribution is calculated and paid, at the rate set
6 forth in this section.

7 (1) Beginning ~~January 1, 2016~~ July 1, 2023, the secretary shall set the healthcare services
8 funding contribution each fiscal year in an amount equal to: (i) The child immunization funding
9 requirement described in § 23-1-46; plus (ii) The adult immunization funding requirement
10 described in § 23-1-46; plus (iii) The children's health services funding requirement described in §
11 42-12-29; plus (iv) The psychiatry resource network funding requirement described in § 23-1-46.1
12 and all as divided by ~~(iv)~~(v) The number of contribution enrollees of all insurers.

13 (2) The contribution set forth herein shall be in addition to any other fees or assessments
14 upon the insurer allowable by law.

15 (b) The contribution shall be paid by the insurer; provided, however, a person providing
16 health benefits coverage on a self-insurance basis that uses the services of a third-party
17 administrator shall not be required to make a contribution for a contribution enrollee where the
18 contribution on that enrollee has been or will be made by the third-party administrator.

1 (c) The secretary shall create a process to facilitate the transition to the healthcare services
2 funding contribution method that: (i) assures adequate funding beginning July 1, 2016, (ii) reflects
3 that funding via the healthcare services funding contribution method initially will be for only a
4 portion of the state's fiscal year, and (iii) avoids duplicate liability for any insurer that made a
5 payment under the premium assessment method in effect prior to January 1, 2016, for a period for
6 which it would also be liable for a contribution under the healthcare services funding contribution
7 method as described in this chapter.

8 SECTION 2. Chapter 23-1 of the General Laws entitled "Department of Health" is hereby
9 amended by adding thereto the following section:

10 **23-1-46.1. Psychiatry resource network account (Effective July 1, 2023).**

11 (a) There is created within the general fund a restricted receipt account to be known as the
12 "PRN account." All money in the account shall be utilized by the department of health to effectuate
13 coverage for the following services: Existing Rhode Island lines including the PediPRN and
14 MomsPRN information lines together with any additional information line, referral service, or
15 hotline which is available to providers or residents in the state, and which is funded pursuant to
16 regulation adopted by the director of the department of health. Amounts collected pursuant to § 42-
17 7.4-3(a)(1)(iv) shall be deposited in the "PRN account." The funds shall be used solely for the
18 purposes of the "PRN account," and no other.

19 (b) Each year's psychiatry resource network funding requirement in § 42-7.4-3(a)(1)(iv)
20 shall be the amount:

21 (1) Projected by the department of health for the services in subsection (a) of this section;
22 plus

23 (2) A ten percent (10%) contingency for unexpected expenses; and after

24 (3) Deduction for any projected carryover of excess funds from prior assessments.

25 (c) The department of health shall submit to the general assembly an annual report on the
26 program and costs related to the program, on or before February 1 of each year. The department
27 shall make available to each insurer required to make a contribution pursuant to § 42-7.4-3, upon
28 its request, detailed information regarding the programs described in subsection (a) of this section
29 and the costs related to those programs.

30 (d) The "PRN account" shall be exempt from the indirect costs recovery provisions of §
31 35-4-27.

32 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect on July 1, 2023.

EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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1 This act would amend Rhode Island's existing healthcare services funding plan act by
2 adding an account relating to a new psychiatry resource network to fund Rhode Island's present
3 PediPRN and MomsPRN, as well as similar programs which may be added by regulation in the
4 future. It also adds an assessment to those previously authorized by the healthcare services funding
5 plan act for purposes of funding this new account.

6 This act would take effect on July 1, 2023.

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