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# STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

#### IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

#### **JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2025**

### AN ACT

#### RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

Introduced By: Senators DiMario, Murray, Valverde, Lauria, Urso, Appollonio,

Thompson, and Ujifusa

Date Introduced: March 21, 2025

Referred To: Senate Health & Human Services

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 40-8 of the General Laws entitled "Medical Assistance" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

40-8-33. Licensed independent clinical social workers- services covered..

4 Notwithstanding any general law, public law, special law, rule or regulation to the contrary,

5 Medicaid reimbursement shall be provided under this chapter for services by licensed independent

6 clinical social workers and such workers shall be entitled to enroll and bill Medicaid fee-for-service

7 directly for authorized and/or covered services provided to adults with Medicaid fee-for-service

8 coverage. The director is hereby directed to develop and promulgate a fee schedule and any

necessary rules or regulations required to implement the provisions of this section.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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## **EXPLANATION**

#### BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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This act would provide that licensed independent clinical social workers be able to enroll
and bill Medicaid directly for covered services provided to adults with Medicaid fee-for-service
coverage.

This act would take effect upon passage.