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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO INSURANCE - PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFITS

Introduced By: Representatives Canario, Bennett, McNamara, Edwards, and Lima

Date Introduced: February 28, 2018

Referred To: House Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 27-18-33 of the General Laws in Chapter 27-18 entitled "Accident
2 and Sickness Insurance Policies" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **27-18-33. Drug coverage.**

4 No group health insurer subject to the provisions of this chapter that provides coverage
5 for prescription drugs under a group plan master contract delivered, issued for delivery, or
6 renewed in this state may require any person covered under the contract to obtain prescription
7 drugs from a ~~mail-order~~ [particular](#) pharmacy as a condition of obtaining benefits for the drugs [or](#)
8 [as a condition to apply payment for a prescription drug to an insured's deductible.](#)

9 SECTION 2. Section 27-19-26 of the General Laws in Chapter 27-19 entitled "Nonprofit
10 Hospital Service Corporations" is hereby amended to read as follows:

11 **27-19-26. Drug coverage.**

12 No group health insurer subject to the provisions of this chapter that provides coverage
13 for prescription drugs under a group plan master contract delivered, issued for delivery, or
14 renewed in this state may require any person covered under the contract to obtain prescription
15 drugs from a ~~mail-order~~ [particular](#) pharmacy as a condition of obtaining benefits for the drugs [or](#)
16 [as a condition to apply payment for a prescription drug to an insured's deductible.](#)

17 SECTION 3. Section 27-20-23 of the General Laws in Chapter 27-20 entitled "Nonprofit
18 Medical Service Corporations" is hereby amended to read as follows:

19 **27-20-23. Drug coverage.**

1 No group health insurer subject to the provisions of this chapter that provides coverage
2 for prescription drugs under a group plan master contract delivered, issued for delivery, or
3 renewed in this state may require any person covered under the contract to obtain prescription
4 drugs from a ~~mail-order~~ [particular](#) pharmacy as a condition of obtaining benefits for the drugs [or](#)
5 [as a condition to apply payment for a prescription drug to an insured's deductible.](#)

6 SECTION 4. Section 27-41-38 of the General Laws in Chapter 27-41 entitled "Health
7 Maintenance Organizations" is hereby amended to read as follows:

8 **27-41-38. Drug coverage.**

9 No health maintenance organization that provides coverage for prescription drugs under a
10 group plan master contract delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed in this state may require any
11 person covered under the contract to obtain prescription drugs from a ~~mail-order~~ [particular](#)
12 pharmacy as a condition of obtaining benefits for the drugs [or as a condition to apply payment for](#)
13 [a prescription drug to an insured's deductible.](#)

14 SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would prohibit any health plan with a pharmacy benefit from requiring the
- 2 insured to order from a particular pharmacy in order to have payments applied to their deductible.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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