AN ACT
RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES

Introduced By: Representative David J. Place

Date Introduced: March 03, 2022

Referred To: House Finance
(by request)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 27-18 of the General Laws entitled "Accident and Sickness Insurance Policies" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:


(a) Every individual or group health insurance contract, plan or policy issued for delivery or renewed in this state on or after January 1, 2023, which provides medical coverage that includes coverage for physician services in a physician's office, and every policy which provides major medical or similar comprehensive-type coverage, shall include coverage for mental illness related or resulting from COVID-19.

(b) Subsidies for coverage shall be provided by The Families First Coronavirus Response Act that requires certain employers to provide employees with paid sick leave or expanded family and medical leave for specified reasons related to COVID-19.

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


(a) Every individual or group health insurance contract, plan or policy issued for delivery or renewed in this state on or after January 1, 2023, which provides medical coverage that includes coverage for physician services in a physician's office, and every policy which provides major medical or similar comprehensive-type coverage, shall include coverage for mental illness related or resulting from COVID-19.

(b) Subsidies for coverage shall be provided by The Families First Coronavirus Response Act that requires certain employers to provide employees with paid sick leave or expanded family and medical leave for specified reasons related to COVID-19.
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SECTION 3. Chapter 27-20 of the General Laws entitled "Nonprofit Medical Service Corporations" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

(a) Every individual or group health insurance contract, plan or policy issued for delivery or renewed in this state on or after January 1, 2023, which provides medical coverage that includes coverage for physician services in a physician's office, and every policy which provides major medical or similar comprehensive-type coverage, shall include coverage for mental illness related or resulting from COVID-19.

(b) Subsidies for coverage shall be provided by The Families First Coronavirus Response Act that requires certain employers to provide employees with paid sick leave or expanded family and medical leave for specified reasons related to COVID-19.

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

(a) Every individual or group health insurance contract, plan or policy issued for delivery or renewed in this state on or after January 1, 2023, which provides medical coverage that includes coverage for physician services in a physician's office, and every policy which provides major medical or similar comprehensive-type coverage, shall include coverage for mental illness related or resulting from COVID-19.

(b) Subsidies for coverage shall be provided by The Families First Coronavirus Response Act that requires certain employers to provide employees with paid sick leave or expanded family and medical leave for specified reasons related to COVID-19.

SECTION 5. Chapter 42-7.2 of the General Laws entitled "Office of Health and Human Services" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

(a) Rhode Island Medicaid and its contracted managed care entities shall provide coverage, on or after January 1, 2023, for mental illness related or resulting from COVID-19.

(b) Subsidies for coverage shall be provided by The Families First Coronavirus Response Act that requires certain employers to provide employees with paid sick leave or expanded family and medical leave for specified reasons related to COVID-19.
SECTION 6. This act shall take effect on January 1, 2023.
EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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1 This act would mandate that health insurance companies and Medicaid provide coverage for mental illness related to COVID-19. Subsidies for coverage would be provided by the Families First Coronavirus Response Act that requires certain employers to provide employees with paid sick leave or expanded family and medical leave for specified reasons related to COVID-19.

5 This act would take effect on

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