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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012

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RELATING TO INSURANCE - COVERAGE FOR MENTAL ILLNESS AND SUBSTANCE  
ABUSE

Introduced By: Representatives Ajello, and Blazejewski

Date Introduced: February 28, 2012

Referred To: House Corporations

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 27-38.2-1 of the General Laws in Chapter 27-38.2 entitled  
2 "Insurance Coverage for Mental Illness and Substance Abuse" is hereby amended to read as  
3 follows:

4 **27-38.2-1. Mental illness coverage.** -- Every health care insurer that delivers or issues  
5 for delivery or renews in this state a contract, plan, or policy except contracts providing  
6 supplemental coverage to Medicare or other governmental programs, shall: ~~provide~~ (1) Provide  
7 coverage for the medical treatment of mental illness and substance abuse under the same terms  
8 and conditions as that coverage is provided for other illnesses and diseases; and (2) Ensure that  
9 reimbursement for professional providers providing treatment of mental illness and substance  
10 abuse is determined using the same methodology as reimbursement for professional providers of  
11 medical services. Insurance coverage offered pursuant to this statute must include the same  
12 durational limits, amount limits, deductibles, and co-insurance factors for mental illness as for  
13 other illnesses and diseases.

14 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
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- 1           This act would provide that professional providers treating mental illness and substance
- 2 abuse would be reimbursed using the same methodology as providers of medical services.
- 3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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