STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012

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RELATING TO INSURANCE

Introduced By: Representative Joseph M. McNamara

Date Introduced: February 28, 2012

Referred To: House Corporations

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:

27-18-71. Copayment and deductible responsibility. -- Notwithstanding any other provision of the general laws to the contrary, every policy delivered or issued in this state and every individual or group hospital or medical services plan contract delivered or renewed in this state on or after October 1, 2012 shall require insurers to reimburse hospitals and all licensed health care providers for the entire negotiated payment rate for each service provided by or on behalf of the hospital, including, without limitation, deductibles, copayments or any other form of patient financial responsibility. Any and all deductibles, copayments or other forms of patient financial responsibility established under individual or group hospital or medical services plan contracts will be collected from the insured by the insurer unless a hospital or licensed health care provider voluntarily agrees to assume such responsibility for the insurer.

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

27-19-5.4. Copayment and deductible responsibility. -- Notwithstanding any other provision of the general laws to the contrary, from and after October 1, 2012 every nonprofit hospital service corporation shall reimburse hospitals and all licensed health care providers for the entire negotiated payment rate for each service provided by or on behalf of the hospital, including, without limitation, deductibles, copayments or any other form of patient financial responsibility.
responsibility. Any and all deductibles, copayments or other forms of patient financial responsibility established under nonprofit hospital service corporation contracts will be collected from the insured by the nonprofit hospital service corporation unless a hospital or licensed healthcare worker voluntarily agrees to assume such responsibility for the nonprofit hospital service corporation.

SECTION 3. Chapter 27-20 of the General Laws entitled “Nonprofit Medical Service Corporations” is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

27-20-5.4. Copayment and deductible responsibility. -- Notwithstanding any other provision of the general laws to the contrary, from and after October 1, 2012 every nonprofit medical service corporation shall reimburse hospitals and all licensed health care providers for the entire negotiated payment rate for each service provided by or on behalf of the hospital, including, without limitation, deductibles, copayments or any other form of patient financial responsibility. Any and all deductibles, copayments or other forms of patient financial responsibility established under nonprofit medical service corporation contracts will be collected from the insured by the nonprofit medical service corporation unless a hospital or licensed health care provider voluntarily agrees to assume such responsibility for the nonprofit medical service corporation.

SECTION 4. Chapter 27-20.1 of the General Laws entitled “Nonprofit Dental Service Corporations” is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

27-20.1-3.1. Copayment and deductible responsibility. -- Notwithstanding any other provision of the general laws to the contrary, from and after October 1, 2012 every nonprofit dental service corporation shall reimburse hospitals and all licensed health care providers for the entire negotiated payment rate for each service provided by or on behalf of the hospital, including, without limitation, deductibles, copayments or any other form of patient financial responsibility. Any and all deductibles, copayments or other forms of patient financial responsibility established under nonprofit dental service corporation contracts will be collected from the insured by the nonprofit dental service corporation unless a hospital or licensed health care provider voluntarily agrees to assume such responsibility for the nonprofit dental service corporation.

SECTION 5. Chapter 27-20.2 of the General Laws entitled “Nonprofit Optometric Service Corporations” is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

27-20.2-3.1. Copayment and deductible responsibility. -- Notwithstanding any other provision of the general laws to the contrary, from and after October 1, 2012 every nonprofit optometric service corporation shall reimburse hospitals and all licensed health care providers for
the entire negotiated payment rate for each service provided by or on behalf of the hospital or
licensed health care provider, including, without limitation, deductibles, copayments or any other
form of patient financial responsibility. Any and all deductibles, copayments or other forms of
patient financial responsibility established under nonprofit optometric service corporation
contracts will be collected from the insured by the nonprofit optometric service corporation
unless a hospital or licensed health care provider voluntarily agrees to assume such responsibility
for the nonprofit optometric service corporation.

Organizations” is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

27-41-26.2. Copayment and deductible responsibility. -- Notwithstanding any other
provision of the general laws to the contrary, from and after October 1, 2012 every health
maintenance organization shall reimburse hospitals and all licensed health care providers for the
entire negotiated payment rate for each service provided by or on behalf of the hospital,
including, without limitation, deductibles, copayments or any other form of patient financial
responsibility. Any and all deductibles, copayments or other forms of patient financial
responsibility established under health maintenance organization contracts will be collected from
the insured by the health maintenance organization unless a hospital or licensed health care
provider voluntarily agrees to assume such responsibility for the health maintenance organization.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect upon passage.
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This act would require insurers to reimburse health care providers for entire negotiated payment rates including, without limitation, deductibles, copayments and other forms of patient financial responsibility with such deductibles and copayments to be, unless otherwise agreed, collected from the insured by the insurer.

This act would take effect upon passage.

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