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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

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RELATING TO INSURANCE - ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES

Introduced By: Representative Raymond H. Johnston

Date Introduced: February 26, 2015

Referred To: House Corporations

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

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

3 **27-18-34.1. Health insurance contracts - Clinical pharmacist practitioners. – (a)**
4 Every health insurance contract, plan, or policy delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed in this
5 state shall provide coverage for the services of a clinical pharmacist practitioner, practicing
6 collaboratively, or in the employ of a pharmacist licensed under chapter 19.1 of title 5, to
7 subscribers if the services are within the clinical pharmacist practitioner's area of professional
8 competence as established by education and certification, and are currently reimbursed when
9 rendered by any other licensed health care provider. No insurer or hospital, medical service
10 corporation, or health maintenance organization may require the signature, by any other health
11 care provider as a condition of reimbursement. No insurer or hospital, medical service
12 corporation, or health maintenance organization may be required to pay for duplicative services
13 actually rendered by both a clinical pharmacist practitioner and any other health care provider.

14 (b) Nothing in this chapter shall preclude the conducting of managed care reviews and
15 medical necessity reviews by an insurer or hospital, medical service corporation or health
16 maintenance organization.

17 (c) Every health insurance contract, plan, or policy delivered, issued for delivery, or
18 renewed in this state shall provide coverage for clinical pharmacist practitioners to provide
19 primary care, intermediate, home, long-term and inpatient care as primary care providers, when

1 said clinical pharmacist practitioner is a participating provider, consistent with, and practicing
2 within, the scope of his/her professional license.

3 (d) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, all insurers, nonprofit medical service
4 corporations, nonprofit hospital service corporations and health maintenance organizations shall
5 provide subscribers with an opportunity to select a clinical pharmacist practitioner, who is a
6 participating provider, as a primary care provider.

7 (e) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, all insurers, nonprofit medical service
8 corporations, nonprofit hospital service corporations and health maintenance organizations shall
9 insure that all participating primary care provider clinical pharmacist practitioners are included on
10 any publicly accessible list of participating providers for the respective organization.

11 (f) This section shall not apply to insurance coverage providing benefits for; (1) Hospital
12 confinement indemnity; (2) Disability income; (3) Accident only; (4) Long-term care; (5)
13 Medicare supplement; (6) Limited benefit health; (7) Specified disease indemnity; (8) Sickness or
14 bodily injury or death by accident or both; and (9) Other limited benefit policies.

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

17 **27-19-27.1. Health insurance contracts - Clinical pharmacist practitioners. -- (a)**
18 Every health insurance contract, plan, or policy delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed in this
19 state shall provide coverage for the services of a clinical pharmacist practitioner, practicing
20 collaboratively, or in the employ of a pharmacist licensed under chapter 19.1 of title 5, to
21 subscribers if the services are within the clinical pharmacist practitioner's area of professional
22 competence as established by education and certification, and are currently reimbursed when
23 rendered by any other licensed health care provider. No insurer or hospital, medical service
24 corporation, or health maintenance organization may require the signature, by any other health
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3 corporations, nonprofit hospital service corporations and health maintenance organizations shall
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5 participating provider, as a primary care provider.

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12 Medicare supplement; (6) Limited benefit health; (7) Specified disease indemnity; (8) Sickness or
13 bodily injury or death by accident or both; and (9) Other limited benefit policies.

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

16 **27-20-35.2. Third-party reimbursement for services of clinical pharmacist**
17 **practitioners. -- (a) Every health insurance contract, plan, or policy delivered, issued for**
18 **delivery, or renewed in this state shall provide coverage for the services of a clinical pharmacist**
19 **practitioner, practicing collaboratively, or in the employ of a pharmacist licensed under chapter**
20 **19.1 of title 5, to subscribers if the services are within the clinical pharmacist practitioner's area of**
21 **professional competence as established by education and certification, and are currently**
22 **reimbursed when rendered by any other licensed health care provider. No insurer or hospital,**
23 **medical service corporation, or health maintenance organization may require the signature, by**
24 **any other health care provider as a condition of reimbursement. No insurer or hospital, medical**
25 **service corporation, or health maintenance organization may be required to pay for duplicative**
26 **services actually rendered by both a clinical pharmacist practitioner and any other health care**
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12 Medicare supplement; (6) Limited benefit health; (7) Specified disease indemnity; (8) Sickness or
13 bodily injury or death by accident or both; and (9) Other limited benefit policies.

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

16 **27-20.1-9.1. Health insurance contracts - Clinical pharmacist practitioners. -- (a)**
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18 state shall provide coverage for the services of a clinical pharmacist practitioner, practicing
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12 bodily injury or death by accident or both; and (9) Other limited benefit policies.

13 SECTION 5. Chapter 27-41 of the General Laws entitled "Health Maintenance
14 Organizations" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

15 **27-41-40.1. Health insurance contracts - Clinical pharmacist practitioners. -- (a)**
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11 bodily injury or death by accident or both; and (9) Other limited benefit policies.

12 SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would require all health insurance contracts, plans, or policies to provide
- 2 coverage for the services of clinical pharmacist practitioners.
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