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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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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 – Pharmacists.** – (a) Every health insurance
4 contract, plan, or policy delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed in this state shall provide
5 coverage for the services of a pharmacist practicing collaboratively, or in the employ of a
6 pharmacist or pharmacy licensed under chapter 19.1 of title 5, to subscribers if the services are
7 within the pharmacist's area of professional competence as established by education and
8 certification, and are currently reimbursed when rendered by any other licensed health care
9 provider. No insurer or hospital, medical service corporation, or health maintenance organization
10 may require the signature, by any other health care provider as a condition of reimbursement. No
11 insurer or hospital, medical service corporation, or health maintenance organization may be
12 required to pay for duplicative services actually rendered by both a pharmacist and any other
13 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) This section shall not apply to insurance coverage providing benefits for: (1) Hospital
18 confinement indemnity; (2) Disability income; (3) Accident only; (4) Long-term care; (5)
19 Medicare supplement; (6) Limited benefit health; (7) Specified disease indemnity; (8) Sickness or

1 [bodily injury or death by accident or both; and \(9\) Other limited benefit policies.](#)

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

4 **27-19-27.1. Health insurance contracts - Pharmacists. --** [\(a\) Every health insurance](#)
5 [contract, plan, or policy delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed in this state shall provide](#)
6 [coverage for the services of a pharmacist practicing collaboratively, or in the employ of a](#)
7 [pharmacist or pharmacy licensed under chapter 19.1 of title 5, to subscribers if the services are](#)
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14 [health care provider.](#)

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16 [medical necessity reviews by an insurer or hospital, medical service corporation or health](#)
17 [maintenance organization.](#)

18 [\(c\) This section shall not apply to insurance coverage providing benefits for: \(1\) Hospital](#)
19 [confinement indemnity; \(2\) Disability income; \(3\) Accident only; \(4\) Long-term care; \(5\)](#)
20 [Medicare supplement; \(6\) Limited benefit health; \(7\) Specified disease indemnity; \(8\) Sickness or](#)
21 [bodily injury or death by accident or both; and \(9\) Other limited benefit policies.](#)

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

24 **27-20-35.2. Third-party reimbursement for services of Pharmacist's. --** [\(a\) Every](#)
25 [health insurance contract, plan, or policy delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed in this state](#)
26 [shall provide coverage for the services of a pharmacist, practicing collaboratively, or in the](#)
27 [employ of a pharmacist or pharmacy licensed under chapter 19.1 of title 5, to subscribers if the](#)
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6 Medicare supplement; (6) Limited benefit health; (7) Specified disease indemnity; (8) Sickness or
7 bodily injury or death by accident or both; and (9) Other limited benefit policies.

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

10 **27-20.1-9.1. Health insurance contracts – Pharmacists.** -- (a) Every health insurance
11 contract, plan, or policy delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed in this state shall provide
12 coverage for the services of a pharmacist, practicing collaboratively, or in the employ of a
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25 confinement indemnity; (2) Disability income; (3) Accident only; (4) Long-term care; (5)
26 Medicare supplement; (6) Limited benefit health; (7) Specified disease indemnity; (8) Sickness or
27 bodily injury or death by accident or both; and (9) Other limited benefit policies.

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

30 **27-41-40.1. Health insurance contracts - Pharmacists.** -- (a) Every health insurance
31 contract, plan, or policy delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed in this state shall provide
32 coverage for the services of a pharmacist, practicing collaboratively, or in the employ of a
33 pharmacist or pharmacy licensed under chapter 19.1 of title 5, to subscribers if the services are
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11 confinement indemnity; (2) Disability income; (3) Accident only; (4) Long-term care; (5)
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 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 pharmacists.

3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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