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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO INSURANCE -- PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFITS

Introduced By: Senators Murray, McCaffrey, Miller, Goodwin, Mack, Lawson, Kallman,
Bell, Valverde, and Goldin

Date Introduced: February 05, 2021

Referred To: Senate Health & Human Services

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 27-20.8 of the General Laws entitled "Prescription Drug Benefits" is
2 hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **27-20.8-3. Co-pay cap for prescription insulin.**

4 (a) As used in this section, unless the context otherwise requires, "prescription insulin drug"
5 means a prescription drug, as defined in § 21-31-2, that contains insulin and is used to treat diabetes.

6 (b) A carrier that provides coverage for prescription insulin drugs pursuant to the terms of
7 a health coverage plan the carrier offers shall cap the total amount that a covered person is required
8 to pay for a covered prescription insulin drug at an amount not to exceed fifty dollars (\$50.00), per
9 thirty (30) day supply of insulin, regardless of the amount or type of insulin needed to fill the
10 covered person's prescription. Coverage for prescription insulin drugs shall not be subject to any
11 deductible.

12 (c) Nothing in this section prevents a carrier from reducing a covered person's cost sharing
13 to an amount less than the amount specified in subsection (b) of this section.

14 (d) The health insurance commissioner may use any of their enforcement powers to obtain
15 a carrier's compliance with this section.

16 (e) The commissioner may promulgate rules as necessary to implement and administer this
17 section and to align with federal requirements.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on January 1, 2022.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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1 This act would provide that health insurance carriers that provide coverage for prescription
2 insulin drugs used to treat diabetes shall only be allowed to charge up to fifty (\$50.00) dollars for
3 a copayment for a thirty (30) day supply of insulin regardless of the amount or type of insulin
4 needed to fill the covered person's prescription. Coverage for prescription insulin would not be
5 subject to any deductible.

6 This act would take effect on January 1, 2022.

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