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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 David J. Place

Date Introduced: March 03, 2022

Referred To: House Finance

(by request)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

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

3 **27-18-89. Mental illness related to COVID-19.**

4 (a) Every individual or group health insurance contract, plan or policy issued for delivery  
5 or renewed in this state on or after January 1, 2023, which provides medical coverage that includes  
6 coverage for physician services in a physician's office, and every policy which provides major  
7 medical or similar comprehensive-type coverage, shall include coverage for mental illness related  
8 or resulting from COVID-19.

9 (b) Subsidies for coverage shall be provided by The Families First Coronavirus Response  
10 Act that requires certain employers to provide employees with paid sick leave or expanded family  
11 and medical leave for specified reasons related to COVID-19.

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

14 **27-19-81. Mental illness related to COVID-19.**

15 (a) Every individual or group health insurance contract, plan or policy issued for delivery  
16 or renewed in this state on or after January 1, 2023, which provides medical coverage that includes  
17 coverage for physician services in a physician's office, and every policy which provides major  
18 medical or similar comprehensive-type coverage, shall include coverage for mental illness related  
19 or resulting from COVID-19.

1           (b) Subsidies for coverage shall be provided by The Families First Coronavirus Response  
2 Act that requires certain employers to provide employees with paid sick leave or expanded family  
3 and medical leave for specified reasons related to COVID-19.

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

6           **27-20-77. Mental illness related to COVID-19.**

7           (a) Every individual or group health insurance contract, plan or policy issued for delivery  
8 or renewed in this state on or after January 1, 2023, which provides medical coverage that includes  
9 coverage for physician services in a physician's office, and every policy which provides major  
10 medical or similar comprehensive-type coverage, shall include coverage for mental illness related  
11 or resulting from COVID-19.

12           (b) Subsidies for coverage shall be provided by The Families First Coronavirus Response  
13 Act that requires certain employers to provide employees with paid sick leave or expanded family  
14 and medical leave for specified reasons related to COVID-19.

15           SECTION 4. Chapter 27-41 of the General Laws entitled "Health Maintenance  
16 Organizations" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

17           **27-41-94. Mental illness related to COVID-19.**

18           (a) Every individual or group health insurance contract, plan or policy issued for delivery  
19 or renewed in this state on or after January 1, 2023, which provides medical coverage that includes  
20 coverage for physician services in a physician's office, and every policy which provides major  
21 medical or similar comprehensive-type coverage, shall include coverage for mental illness related  
22 or resulting from COVID-19.

23           (b) Subsidies for coverage shall be provided by The Families First Coronavirus Response  
24 Act that requires certain employers to provide employees with paid sick leave or expanded family  
25 and medical leave for specified reasons related to COVID-19.

26           SECTION 5. Chapter 42-7.2 of the General Laws entitled "Office of Health and Human  
27 Services" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

28           **42-7.2-21. Mental illness related to COVID-19.**

29           (a) Rhode Island Medicaid and its contracted managed care entities shall provide coverage,  
30 on or after January 1, 2023, for mental illness related or resulting from COVID-19.

31           (b) Subsidies for coverage shall be provided by The Families First Coronavirus Response  
32 Act that requires certain employers to provide employees with paid sick leave or expanded family  
33 and medical leave for specified reasons related to COVID-19.

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SECTION 6. This act shall take effect on January 1, 2023.

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would mandate that health insurance companies and Medicaid provide coverage  
2 for mental illness related to COVID-19. Subsidies for coverage would be provided by the Families  
3 First Coronavirus Response Act that requires certain employers to provide employees with paid  
4 sick leave or expanded family and medical leave for specified reasons related to COVID-19.

5           This act would take effect on

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