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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2024

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RELATING TO INSURANCE -- HEALTH CARE ACCESSIBILITY AND QUALITY
ASSURANCE ACT

Introduced By: Representatives Ackerman, Edwards, Kennedy, Donovan, and
McNamara

Date Introduced: February 28, 2024

Referred To: House Corporations

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 27-18.8 of the General Laws entitled "Health Care Accessibility and
2 Quality Assurance Act" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **27-18.8-3.1. Sixty (60) day notice of amendments to provider agreements.**

4 A healthcare entity as defined in § 27-18.8-2, offering or renewing a health plan in this
5 state shall notify a participating provider of a proposed amendment to a provider agreement at least
6 sixty (60) days prior to the amendment's proposed effective date. In addition, if an amendment that
7 has impact on the rights and obligations of providers, is made to a manual, policy or procedure
8 document referenced in the provider agreement, such as changes to fee schedules or changes to
9 procedural coding rules specified in the manual, policy or procedure document, the carrier shall
10 provide notice to the provider at least sixty (60) days prior to the proposed effective date of the
11 amendment.

12 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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1 This act would require new or renewed healthcare plans in Rhode Island to notify providers
2 of any proposed amendments to an agreement sixty (60) days prior to the effective date of the
3 change. The act would also require sixty (60) days notice of any amendment to a manual, policy or
4 procedure that is referred to in a provider agreement.

5 This act would take effect upon passage.

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