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RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES

Introduced By: Representatives Dawson, and O'Brien

Date Introduced: April 12, 2024

Referred To: House Health & Human Services

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 27-18-90 of the General Laws in Chapter 27-18 entitled "Accident  
2 and Sickness Insurance Policies" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 ~~27-18-90. **Mandatory coverage for treatment of pediatric autoimmune**~~  
4 ~~**neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections and pediatric acute onset**~~  
5 ~~**neuropsychiatric syndrome. [Expires December 31, 2025.]**~~ **Mandatory coverage for treatment**  
6 **of pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections**  
7 **and pediatric acute onset neuropsychiatric syndrome.**

8 (a) Every group health insurance contract, or every group hospital or medical expense  
9 insurance policy, plan, or group policy delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed in this state, by  
10 any health insurance carrier, on or after January 1, 2023, shall provide coverage for treatment of  
11 pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections and  
12 pediatric acute onset neuropsychiatric syndrome, including, but not limited to, the use of  
13 intravenous immunoglobulin therapy.

14 (b) For billing and diagnosis purposes, pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders  
15 associated with streptococcal infections and pediatric acute onset neuropsychiatric syndrome shall  
16 be coded as autoimmune encephalitis until the American Medical Association and the Centers for  
17 Medicare and Medicaid Services create and assign a specific code for pediatric autoimmune  
18 neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections and pediatric acute onset  
19 neuropsychiatric syndrome. Thereafter, pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders

1 associated with streptococcal infections and pediatric acute onset neuropsychiatric syndrome may  
2 be coded as autoimmune encephalitis, pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated  
3 with streptococcal infections, or pediatric acute onset neuropsychiatric syndrome.

4 (c) The healthcare benefits outlined in this section apply only to services delivered within  
5 the state of Rhode Island; provided, that all health insurance carriers shall be required to provide  
6 coverage for those benefits mandated by this section outside of the state of Rhode Island where it  
7 can be established through a pre-authorization process that the required services are not available  
8 in the state of Rhode Island from a provider in the health insurance carrier's network.

9 (d) Each health insurance carrier shall collect and provide to the office of the health  
10 insurance commissioner, in a form and frequency acceptable to the commissioner, information and  
11 data reflecting the costs and the savings of adding the benefit coverage provided in this section. On  
12 or before January 1, 2025, the office of the health insurance commissioner shall report to the general  
13 assembly a cost-benefit analysis of the implementation of the benefit coverage provided in this  
14 section. The intent of this cost-benefit analysis is to determine if adding the benefit coverage  
15 provided in this section produces a net savings to health insurance carriers and to policy holders.

16 ~~(e) This section shall sunset and be repealed effective December 31, 2025.~~

17 SECTION 2. Section 27-19-82 of the General Laws in Chapter 27-19 entitled "Nonprofit  
18 Hospital Service Corporations" is hereby amended to read as follows:

19 ~~27-19-82. Mandatory coverage for treatment of pediatric autoimmune~~  
20 ~~neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections and pediatric acute onset~~  
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16 provided in this section produces a net savings to health insurance carriers and to policyholders.

17 ~~(e) This section shall sunset and be repealed effective December 31, 2025.~~

18 SECTION 3. Section 27-20-78 of the General Laws in Chapter 27-20 entitled "Nonprofit  
19 Medical Service Corporations" is hereby amended to read as follows:

20 ~~27-20-78. Mandatory coverage for treatment of pediatric autoimmune~~  
21 ~~neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections and pediatric acute onset~~  
22 ~~neuropsychiatric syndrome. [Expires December 31, 2025.]~~ **Mandatory coverage for treatment**  
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17 provided in this section produces a net savings to health insurance carriers and to policyholders.

18 ~~(e) This section shall sunset and be repealed effective December 31, 2025.~~

19 SECTION 4. Section 27-41-95 of the General Laws in Chapter 27-41 entitled "Health  
20 Maintenance Organizations" is hereby amended to read as follows:

21 ~~**27-41-95. Mandatory coverage for treatment of pediatric autoimmune**~~  
22 ~~**neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections and pediatric acute onset**~~  
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20 SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would remove the sunset provision of all statutory laws requiring coverage for the  
2 treatment of pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal  
3 infections and pediatric acute onset neuropsychiatric syndrome, thus requiring continued insurance  
4 coverage beyond December 31, 2025

5           This act would take effect upon passage.

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