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Introduced by M. of A. GOTTFRIED, DINOWITZ, ENGLEBRIGHT, GALEF, PAULIN, CUSICK, KAVANAGH, ROSENTHAL, TITONE, SEPULVEDA -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. CARROLL, COLTON, COOK, CYMBROWITZ, GLICK, GUNTHER, HOOPER, LIFTON, PERRY, RIVERA -- read once and referred to the Committee on Health

AN ACT to amend the public health law and the insurance law, in relation to certain contracts or agreements by health maintenance organizations

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Subdivision 7 of section 4406-c of the public health law,
2 as added by chapter 705 of the laws of 1996 and as renumbered by chapter
3 487 of the laws of 2010, is renumbered subdivision 13 and four new
4 subdivisions 9, 10, 11 and 12 are added to read as follows:

5 9. No contract or agreement between a health care plan and a health
6 care provider shall contain any clause which entitles such health care
7 plan to reimburse the health care provider at the lowest price or rate
8 that such health care provider has charged another person or entity for
9 rendering the same treatment or performing the same procedure.

10 10. No health care plan shall by contract, written policy or written
11 procedure prohibit any health care provider from referring a patient or
12 enrollee to a health care provider based solely upon such health care
13 provider's participation status with the managed care product subscribed
14 to by the patient or enrollee.

15 11. No health care plan shall by contract, written policy or written
16 procedure require the disclosure of an enrollee's diagnosis on a
17 prescription as a condition for dispensing of a pharmaceutical drug or
18 agent, unless otherwise required by law.

19 12. No health care plan shall by contract, written policy or procedure
20 provide for or allow the substitution of a pharmaceutical drug or agent
21 (other than a generic substitution) by any person other than the

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 prescribing health care professional or by a pharmacist under section
2 sixty-eight hundred one-a of the education law.

3 § 2. Subsections (h) and (i) of section 3217-b of the insurance law,
4 as relettered by chapter 237 of the laws of 2009, are relettered
5 subsections (m) and (n) and four new subsections (h), (i), (k) and (l)
6 are added to read as follows:

7 (h) No contract or agreement between an insurer and a health care
8 provider shall contain any clause which entitles such insurer to reim-
9 burse the health care provider at the lowest price or rate that such
10 health care provider has charged another person or entity for rendering
11 the same treatment or performing the same procedure.

12 (i) No insurer shall by contract, written policy or written procedure
13 prohibit any health care provider from referring an insured to a physi-
14 cian based solely upon such physician's participation status with the
15 insurance product subscribed to by the insured.

16 (k) No insurer shall by contract, written policy or written procedure
17 require the disclosure of an insured's diagnosis on a prescription as a
18 condition for authorizing the coverage for or payment or dispensing of a
19 pharmaceutical drug or agent, unless otherwise required by law.

20 (l) No insurer which maintains a drug formulary, or which contracts
21 with another entity to maintain a drug formulary, shall by contract,
22 written policy or procedure provide for or allow the substitution of a
23 pharmaceutical drug or agent (other than a generic substitution) by any
24 person other than the prescribing health care professional or by a phar-
25 macist under section sixty-eight hundred one-a of the education law.

26 § 3. Subsections (i) and (j) of section 4325 of the insurance law, as
27 relettered by chapter 487 of the laws of 2010, are relettered
28 subsections (n) and (o) and four new subsections (i), (j), (l) and (m)
29 are added to read as follows:

30 (i) No contract or agreement between an insurer and a health care
31 provider shall contain any clause which entitles such insurer to reim-
32 burse the health care provider at the lowest price or rate that such
33 health care provider has charged another person or entity for rendering
34 the same treatment or performing the same procedure.

35 (j) No insurer shall by contract, written policy or written procedure
36 prohibit any health care provider from referring an insured to a physi-
37 cian based solely upon such physician's participation status with the
38 insurance product subscribed to by the insured.

39 (l) No insurer shall by contract, written policy or written procedure
40 require the disclosure of an insured's diagnosis on a prescription as a
41 condition for authorizing the coverage for or payment or dispensing of a
42 pharmaceutical drug or agent, unless otherwise required by law.

43 (m) No insurer which maintains a drug formulary, or which contracts
44 with another entity to maintain a drug formulary, shall by contract,
45 written policy or procedure provide for or allow the substitution of a
46 pharmaceutical drug or agent (other than a generic substitution) by any
47 person other than the prescribing health care professional or by a phar-
48 macist under section sixty-eight hundred one-a of the education law.

49 § 4. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after
50 it shall have become a law, provided that the relettering of subsection
51 (n) of section 3217-b and the relettering of subsection (o) of section
52 4325 of the insurance law made by sections two and three of this act,
53 respectively, shall not affect the repeal of such subsections and shall
54 be deemed repealed therewith.