

STATE OF NEW YORK

4643

2019-2020 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

March 19, 2019

Introduced by Sen. HARCKHAM -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Insurance

AN ACT to amend the insurance law, in relation to prohibiting co-payments for treatment at an opioid treatment program

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (i) of section 3216 of the insurance law is
2 amended by adding a new paragraph 31-b to read as follows:

3 (31-b) Every policy that provides coverage for treatment at an opioid
4 treatment program shall not impose a co-payment fee on any insured for
5 such treatment. For the purposes of this section "opioid treatment
6 program" means a program or practitioner engaged in opioid treatment of
7 individuals with an opioid agonist treatment medication.

8 § 2. Subsection (l) of section 3221 of the insurance law is amended by
9 adding a new paragraph 7-c to read as follows:

10 (7-c) Every policy that provides coverage for treatment at an opioid
11 treatment program shall not impose a co-payment fee on any insured for
12 such treatment. For the purposes of this section "opioid treatment
13 program" means a program or practitioner engaged in opioid treatment of
14 individuals with an opioid agonist treatment medication.

15 § 3. Section 4303 of the insurance law is amended by adding a new
16 subsection (l-3) to read as follows:

17 (l-3) Every policy that provides coverage for treatment at an opioid
18 treatment program shall not impose a co-payment fee on any insured for
19 such treatment. For the purposes of this section "opioid treatment
20 program" means a program or practitioner engaged in opioid treatment of
21 individuals with an opioid agonist treatment medication.

22 § 4. This act shall take effect on the first of January next succeed-
23 ing the date on which it shall have become a law and shall apply to
24 policies and contracts issued, renewed, modified, altered or amended on
25 and after such date.

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

LBD04805-01-9