

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. JACKSON -- read once and referred to the Committee on Insurance

AN ACT to amend the insurance law, in relation to requiring insurance coverage for lactation consultant services

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 40 to read as follows:

3 (40) Every policy that provides coverage for hospital, surgical or
4 medical care shall provide outpatient coverage for lactation consultant
5 services. Coverage provided under this paragraph may be subject to
6 annual deductibles and co-insurance as deemed appropriate by the super-
7 intendent and that are consistent with those imposed on other benefits
8 within a given policy. For the purposes of this paragraph, "lactation
9 consultant" shall mean an individual who holds the international board
10 certified lactation consultant (IBCLC) credential who is in good stand-
11 ing with the international board of lactation consultant examiners who
12 evaluates and manages lactation and infant feeding problems and provides
13 preventive clinical consulting to prevent or minimize the occurrence of
14 potential problems.

15 § 2. Subsection (k) of section 3221 of the insurance law is amended by
16 adding a new paragraph 24 to read as follows:

17 (24) Every group or blanket policy delivered or issued for delivery in
18 this state that provides coverage for hospital, surgical or medical care
19 shall provide such coverage for lactation consultant services. For the
20 purposes of this paragraph, "lactation consultant" shall mean an indi-
21 vidual who holds the international board certified lactation consultant
22 (IBCLC) credential who is in good standing with the international board
23 of lactation consultant examiners who evaluates and manages lactation
24 and infant feeding problems and provides preventive clinical consulting
25 to prevent or minimize the occurrence of potential problems.

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

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1 § 3. Section 4303 of the insurance law is amended by adding a new
2 subsection (ww) to read as follows:

3 (ww) A medical expense indemnity corporation, a hospital service
4 corporation or a health service corporation that provides coverage for
5 hospital, surgical or medical care shall provide such coverage for
6 lactation consultant services. For the purposes of this subsection,
7 "lactation consultant" shall mean an individual who holds the interna-
8 tional board certified lactation consultant (IBCLC) credential who is in
9 good standing with the international board of lactation consultant exam-
10 iners who evaluates and manages lactation and infant feeding problems
11 and provides preventive clinical consulting to prevent or minimize the
12 occurrence of potential problems.

13 § 4. This act shall take effect on the first of January next succeed-
14 ing the date on which it shall have become a law and shall apply to all
15 insurance policies, contracts and plans issued, renewed, modified,
16 altered or amended on or after such effective date.