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Introduced by M. of A. KOLB, ERRIGO, WALKER -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. BURLING, CALHOUN -- read once and referred to the Committee on Insurance

AN ACT to amend the insurance law, in relation to providing coverage for compression sleeves

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Subsection (i) of section 3216 of the insurance law is amended by adding a new paragraph 26 to read as follows:

(26) EVERY INSURED PERSON SHALL BE ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT OF LYMPHEDEMA. SUCH REIMBURSEMENT SHALL ALSO INCLUDE THE COST OF COMPRESSION SLEEVES USED TO ALLEVIATE THE PAIN AND DISCOMFORT OF LYMPHEDEMA.

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

(15) EVERY GROUP POLICY ISSUED OR DELIVERED IN THIS STATE THAT PROVIDES MEDICAL COVERAGE OF ANY KIND SHALL ALSO PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR THE DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT OF LYMPHEDEMA. SUCH REIMBURSEMENT SHALL ALSO INCLUDE THE COST OF COMPRESSION SLEEVES USED TO ALLEVIATE THE PAIN AND DISCOMFORT OF LYMPHEDEMA.

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

(A-1) EVERY CONTRACT ISSUED BY A HOSPITAL SERVICE CORPORATION OR HEALTH SERVICE CORPORATION WHICH PROVIDES MEDICAL COVERAGE OF ANY KIND SHALL ALSO PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR THE DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT OF LYMPHEDEMA. SUCH REIMBURSEMENT SHALL ALSO INCLUDE THE COST OF COMPRESSION SLEEVES USED TO ALLEVIATE THE PAIN AND DISCOMFORT OF LYMPHEDEMA.

S 4. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall have become a law and shall apply to any policy issued, delivered, renewed, or modified on or after the effective date of this act.

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

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