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AN ACT to amend the insurance law, in relation to hospital care

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

Section 1. Section 3216 of the insurance law is amended by adding a new subsection (m) to read as follows:

(M) EVERY POLICY THAT PROVIDES HOSPITAL, MEDICAL, OR SURGICAL COVERAGE MAY NOT CHARGE AN INSURED AN OUT-OF-NETWORK RATE FOR A HOSPITAL VISIT IF THE HOSPITAL PARTICIPATES IN THE IN-NETWORK BENEFITS PORTION OF THE INSURER'S NETWORK FOR THE MANAGED CARE PRODUCT, EVEN THOUGH THE DOCTOR WHO PERFORMED THE SERVICES AT SUCH HOSPITAL DOES NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE IN-NETWORK BENEFITS PORTION OF SUCH INSURER'S NETWORK.

S 2. Section 3221 of the insurance law is amended by adding a new subsection (r) to read as follows:

(R) EVERY POLICY THAT PROVIDES HOSPITAL, MEDICAL, OR SURGICAL COVERAGE MAY NOT CHARGE AN INSURED AN OUT-OF-NETWORK RATE FOR A HOSPITAL VISIT IF THE HOSPITAL PARTICIPATES IN THE IN-NETWORK BENEFITS PORTION OF THE INSURER'S NETWORK FOR THE MANAGED CARE PRODUCT, EVEN THOUGH THE DOCTOR WHO PERFORMED THE SERVICES AT SUCH HOSPITAL DOES NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE IN-NETWORK BENEFITS PORTION OF SUCH INSURER'S NETWORK.

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

(FF) EVERY POLICY THAT PROVIDES HOSPITAL, MEDICAL, OR SURGICAL COVERAGE MAY NOT CHARGE AN INSURED AN OUT-OF-NETWORK RATE FOR A HOSPITAL VISIT IF THE HOSPITAL PARTICIPATES IN THE IN-NETWORK BENEFITS PORTION OF THE INSURER'S NETWORK FOR THE MANAGED CARE PRODUCT, EVEN THOUGH THE DOCTOR WHO PERFORMED THE SERVICES AT SUCH HOSPITAL DOES NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE IN-NETWORK BENEFITS PORTION OF SUCH INSURER'S NETWORK.

S 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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