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

AN ACT to amend the insurance law, in relation to providing coverage for
biologically-based mental illness under the Healthy New York program

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

1 Section 1. Paragraphs 13 and 14 of subsection (d) of section 4326 of
2 the insurance law, as added by chapter 1 of the laws of 1999, are
3 amended and a new paragraph 15 is added to read as follows:
4 (13) blood and blood products furnished in connection with surgery or
5 inpatient hospital services; [and]
6 (14) prescription drugs obtained at a participating pharmacy. In addi-
7 tion to providing coverage at a participating pharmacy, health mainte-
8 nance organizations may utilize a mail order prescription drug program.
9 Health maintenance organizations may provide prescription drugs pursuant
10 to a drug formulary; however, health maintenance organizations must
11 implement an appeals process so that the use of non-formulary
12 prescription drugs may be requested by a physician[.]; AND
13 (15) PSYCHIATRIC OR PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES OR DIAGNOSIS OR TREATMENT
14 OF MENTAL, NERVOUS OR EMOTIONAL DISORDERS OR AILMENTS AND BIOLOGICALLY-
15 BASED MENTAL ILLNESS.
16 S 2. 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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