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

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to requiring insurance companies to issue joint checks for payment to an insured and a health care provider in certain circumstances

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

Section 1. The public health law is amended by adding a new section 4406-f to read as follows:

S 4406-F. PAYMENT FOR OUT-OF-NETWORK HEALTH CARE SERVICES; JOINT CHECKS. AN INSURANCE COMPANY SUBJECT TO ARTICLE THIRTY-TWO OF THIS CHAPTER, SHALL ISSUE AND PROVIDE AN INSURED WITH A JOINT CHECK MADE OUT TO BOTH THE INSURED AND TO A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER FOR THE PURPOSES OF PAYMENT TO SUCH HEALTH CARE PROVIDER FOR ANY OUT-OF-NETWORK SERVICES RENDER TO THE INSURED. SUCH CHECK SHALL LIST THE FULL NAME OF THE INSURED WITH THE WORD "AND" AFTER SUCH NAME FOLLOWED BY THE NAME OF THE HEALTH CARE PROVIDER OR GROUP PRACTICE.

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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