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Introduced by Sens. LITTLE, CARLUCCI, MARCHIONE, RITCHIE -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Insurance -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the insurance law, in relation to requiring prescription drug coverage to include such supplements and vitamins, medical foods, and other medications as shall be deemed necessary to mitigate and/or treat the symptoms of mitochondrial disease

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 32 to read as follows:
3 (32) (A) EVERY POLICY WHICH PROVIDES COVERAGE FOR PRESCRIPTION DRUGS
4 SHALL INCLUDE COVERAGE FOR THE COST OF SUCH SUPPLEMENTS AND VITAMINS,
5 MEDICAL FOODS SUCH AS COENZYME Q10, AND OTHER MEDICATIONS USED TO TREAT
6 THE SYMPTOMS ASSOCIATED WITH MITOCHONDRIAL DISEASE AS A PHYSICIAN SHALL
7 DEEM NECESSARY TO MITIGATE AND/OR TREAT THE SYMPTOMS OF MITOCHONDRIAL
8 DISEASE DIAGNOSED, THROUGH CLINICAL ASSESSMENT, MUSCLE BIOPSY, BIOCHEMI-
9 CAL TESTING OR GENETIC TESTING, IN A COVERED PERSON.
10 (B) SUCH COVERAGE MAY BE SUBJECT TO SUCH ANNUAL DEDUCTIBLES AND COIN-
11 SURANCE AS MAY BE DEEMED APPROPRIATE BY THE SUPERINTENDENT AND AS ARE
12 CONSISTENT WITH THOSE ESTABLISHED FOR OTHER BENEFITS WITHIN THE POLICY.
13 S 2. Subsection (k) of section 3221 of the insurance law is amended by
14 adding a new paragraph 20 to read as follows:
15 (20)(A) EVERY GROUP OR BLANKET POLICY WHICH PROVIDES COVERAGE FOR
16 PRESCRIPTION DRUGS SHALL INCLUDE COVERAGE FOR THE COST OF SUCH SUPPLE-
17 MENTS AND VITAMINS, MEDICAL FOODS SUCH AS COENZYME Q10, AND OTHER MEDI-
18 CATIONS USED TO TREAT THE SYMPTOMS ASSOCIATED WITH MITOCHONDRIAL DISEASE
19 AS A PHYSICIAN SHALL DEEM NECESSARY TO MITIGATE AND/OR TREAT THE SYMP-
20 TOMS OF MITOCHONDRIAL DISEASE DIAGNOSED, THROUGH CLINICAL ASSESSMENT,

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

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1 MUSCLE BIOPSY, BIOCHEMICAL TESTING OR GENETIC TESTING, IN A COVERED
2 PERSON.

3 (B) SUCH COVERAGE MAY BE SUBJECT TO SUCH ANNUAL DEDUCTIBLES AND COIN-
4 SURANCE AS MAY BE DEEMED APPROPRIATE BY THE SUPERINTENDENT AND AS ARE
5 CONSISTENT WITH THOSE ESTABLISHED FOR OTHER BENEFITS WITHIN THE POLICY.

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

8 (PP) (1) EVERY CONTRACT ISSUED BY A CORPORATION SUBJECT TO THE
9 PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE WHICH PROVIDES COVERAGE FOR PRESCRIPTION
10 DRUGS SHALL INCLUDE COVERAGE FOR THE COST OF SUCH SUPPLEMENTS AND VITA-
11 MINS, MEDICAL FOODS SUCH AS COENZYME Q10, AND OTHER MEDICATIONS USED TO
12 TREAT THE SYMPTOMS ASSOCIATED WITH MITOCHONDRIAL DISEASE AS A PHYSICIAN
13 SHALL DEEM NECESSARY TO MITIGATE AND/OR TREAT THE SYMPTOMS OF MITOCHON-
14 DRIAL DISEASE DIAGNOSED, THROUGH CLINICAL ASSESSMENT, MUSCLE BIOPSY,
15 BIOCHEMICAL TESTING OR GENETIC TESTING, IN A COVERED PERSON.

16 (2) SUCH COVERAGE MAY BE SUBJECT TO SUCH ANNUAL DEDUCTIBLES AND COIN-
17 SURANCE AS MAY BE DEEMED APPROPRIATE BY THE SUPERINTENDENT AND AS ARE
18 CONSISTENT WITH THOSE ESTABLISHED FOR OTHER BENEFITS WITHIN THE
19 CONTRACT.

20 S 4. This act shall take effect on the first of January next succeed-
21 ing the date on which it shall have become a law and shall apply to
22 policies and contracts issued, reissued, renewed, modified or amended on
23 or after such date.