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Introduced by Sens. KENNEDY, SERRANO -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Insurance -- recommitted to the Committee on Insurance in accordance with Senate Rule 6, sec. 8 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the insurance law, in relation to coverage for opioid-addiction treatment medications

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 33 to read as follows:

(33) EVERY POLICY DELIVERED OR ISSUED FOR DELIVERY IN THIS STATE THAT PROVIDES MEDICAL, MAJOR MEDICAL, OR SIMILAR COMPREHENSIVE-TYPE COVERAGE AND PROVIDES COVERAGE FOR PRESCRIPTION DRUGS SHALL PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR OPIOID-ADDICTION TREATMENT MEDICATIONS. SUCH COVERAGE MAY BE SUBJECT TO CO-PAYS, COINSURANCE, OR DEDUCTIBLES, PROVIDED THAT THE CO-PAYS, COINSURANCE, OR DEDUCTIBLES ARE AT LEAST AS FAVORABLE TO AN INSURED AS THE CO-PAYS, COINSURANCE, OR DEDUCTIBLES THAT APPLY TO COVERAGE FOR OTHER PRESCRIPTION DRUGS.

S 2. Subsection (k) of section 3221 of the insurance law is amended by adding a new paragraph 21 to read as follows:

(21) EVERY POLICY DELIVERED OR ISSUED FOR DELIVERY IN THIS STATE THAT PROVIDES MEDICAL, MAJOR MEDICAL, OR SIMILAR COMPREHENSIVE-TYPE COVERAGE AND PROVIDES COVERAGE FOR PRESCRIPTION DRUGS SHALL PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR OPIOID-ADDICTION TREATMENT MEDICATIONS. SUCH COVERAGE MAY BE SUBJECT TO CO-PAYS, COINSURANCE, OR DEDUCTIBLES, PROVIDED THAT THE CO-PAYS, COINSURANCE, OR DEDUCTIBLES ARE AT LEAST AS FAVORABLE TO AN INSURED AS THE CO-PAYS, COINSURANCE, OR DEDUCTIBLES THAT APPLY TO COVERAGE FOR OTHER PRESCRIPTION DRUGS.

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

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

(QQ) EVERY POLICY DELIVERED OR ISSUED FOR DELIVERY IN THIS STATE THAT PROVIDES MEDICAL, MAJOR MEDICAL, OR SIMILAR COMPREHENSIVE-TYPE COVERAGE AND PROVIDES COVERAGE FOR PRESCRIPTION DRUGS SHALL PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR OPIOID-ADDICTION TREATMENT MEDICATIONS. SUCH COVERAGE MAY BE SUBJECT TO CO-PAYS, COINSURANCE, OR DEDUCTIBLES, PROVIDED THAT THE CO-PAYS, COINSURANCE, OR DEDUCTIBLES ARE AT LEAST AS FAVORABLE TO AN INSURED AS THE CO-PAYS, COINSURANCE, OR DEDUCTIBLES THAT APPLY TO COVERAGE FOR OTHER PRESCRIPTION DRUGS.

S 4. This act shall take effect immediately and shall apply to any policy issued, delivered, modified, amended, or renewed on or after such effective date.