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Introduced by Sens. BONACIC, HANNON, MARTINS, PANEPINTO, ROBACH, VENDITTO -- 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 mandatory health insurance coverage for providing prosthetic devices

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) EVERY POLICY WHICH PROVIDES MEDICAL, MAJOR MEDICAL, OR SIMILAR  
4     COMPREHENSIVE TYPE COVERAGE SHALL PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR PROSTHETIC  
5     DEVICES THAT ARE INTENDED FOR MEDICALLY NECESSARY REHABILITATIVE AND  
6     HABILITATIVE PURPOSES AS REQUIRED BY 42 U.S.C. S 18022. COVERAGE SHALL  
7     NOT BE DENIED IF THE POLICY HOLDER'S PHYSICIAN DETERMINES THE PROSTHETIC  
8     DEVICE ADEQUATELY MEETS THE MEDICAL NEEDS OF THE POLICY HOLDER IN  
9     COMPLIANCE WITH THE AGE, DISABILITY AND EXPECTED LENGTH OF LIFE  
10    ANTI-DISCRIMINATION REQUIREMENTS OF 42 U.S.C. S 18022(B)(4)(B) AND THE  
11    REQUIREMENT TO CONSIDER THE HEALTH CARE NEEDS OF DIVERSE SEGMENTS OF THE  
12    POPULATION, INCLUDING PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES, PURSUANT TO 42 U.S.C. S  
13    18022(B)(4)(C). THE TERM "PROSTHETIC DEVICE" AS USED IN THIS PARAGRAPH  
14    INCLUDES AN ARTIFICIAL LIMB BUT SHALL NOT INCLUDE SHOES OR ANY OTHER  
15    ARTICLE CONSIDERED AS ORDINARY WEARING APPAREL, WHETHER OR NOT SPECIALLY  
16    CONSTRUCTED. SUCH COVERAGE SHALL BE SUBJECT TO ANNUAL DEDUCTIBLES AND  
17    COINSURANCE AS DEEMED APPROPRIATE BY THE SUPERINTENDENT. THE COVERAGE  
18    REQUIRED BY THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL BE IDENTICAL TO, AND SHALL NOT ENHANCE  
19    OR INCREASE THE COVERAGE REQUIRED AS PART OF ESSENTIAL HEALTH BENEFITS  
20    AS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO SECTION 2707 (A) OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES  
21    ACT 42 U.S.C. 300 GG-6(A).  
22    S 2. Subsection (l) of section 3221 of the insurance law is amended by  
23    adding a new paragraph 19 to read as follows:

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

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1 (19) EVERY POLICY WHICH PROVIDES MEDICAL, MAJOR MEDICAL, OR SIMILAR  
2 COMPREHENSIVE TYPE COVERAGE SHALL PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR PROSTHETIC  
3 DEVICES THAT ARE INTENDED FOR MEDICALLY NECESSARY REHABILITATIVE AND  
4 HABILITATIVE PURPOSES AS REQUIRED BY 42 U.S.C. S 18022. COVERAGE SHALL  
5 NOT BE DENIED IF THE POLICY HOLDER'S PHYSICIAN DETERMINES THE PROSTHETIC  
6 DEVICE ADEQUATELY MEETS THE MEDICAL NEEDS OF THE POLICY HOLDER IN  
7 COMPLIANCE WITH THE AGE, DISABILITY AND EXPECTED LENGTH OF LIFE  
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16 REQUIRED BY THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL BE IDENTICAL TO, AND SHALL NOT ENHANCE  
17 OR INCREASE THE COVERAGE REQUIRED AS PART OF ESSENTIAL HEALTH BENEFITS  
18 AS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO SECTION 2707 (A) OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES  
19 ACT 42 U.S.C. 300 GG-6(A).

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

22 (PP) EVERY CONTRACT WHICH PROVIDES MEDICAL, MAJOR MEDICAL, OR SIMILAR  
23 COMPREHENSIVE TYPE COVERAGE SHALL PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR PROSTHETIC  
24 DEVICES THAT ARE INTENDED FOR MEDICALLY NECESSARY REHABILITATIVE AND  
25 HABILITATIVE PURPOSES AS REQUIRED BY 42 U.S.C. S 18022. COVERAGE SHALL  
26 NOT BE DENIED IF THE CONTRACT HOLDER'S PHYSICIAN DETERMINES THE PROS-  
27 THETIC DEVICE ADEQUATELY MEETS THE MEDICAL NEEDS OF THE CONTRACT HOLDER  
28 IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE AGE, DISABILITY AND EXPECTED LENGTH OF LIFE  
29 ANTI-DISCRIMINATION REQUIREMENTS OF 42 U.S.C. S 18022(B)(4)(B) AND THE  
30 REQUIREMENT TO CONSIDER THE HEALTH CARE NEEDS OF DIVERSE SEGMENTS OF THE  
31 POPULATION, INCLUDING PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES, PURSUANT TO 42 U.S.C. S  
32 18022(B)(4)(C). THE TERM "PROSTHETIC DEVICE" AS USED IN THIS SUBSECTION  
33 INCLUDES AN ARTIFICIAL LIMB BUT SHALL NOT INCLUDE SHOES OR ANY OTHER  
34 ARTICLE CONSIDERED AS ORDINARY WEARING APPAREL, WHETHER OR NOT SPECIALLY  
35 CONSTRUCTED. SUCH COVERAGE SHALL BE SUBJECT TO ANNUAL DEDUCTIBLES AND  
36 COINSURANCE AS DEEMED APPROPRIATE BY THE SUPERINTENDENT. THE COVERAGE  
37 REQUIRED BY THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE IDENTICAL TO, AND SHALL NOT ENHANCE  
38 OR INCREASE THE COVERAGE REQUIRED AS PART OF ESSENTIAL HEALTH BENEFITS  
39 AS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO SECTION 2707(A) OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES  
40 ACT 42 U.S.C. 300 GG-6(A).

41 S 4. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall  
42 have become a law and shall apply to policies and contracts issued,  
43 renewed, modified, altered or amended on or after such effective date.