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AN ACT to amend the insurance law, in relation to denial of coverage of treatment related to health care services for which pre-authorization was granted

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

1     Section 1. Section 3238 of the insurance law is amended by adding a  
2     new subsection (c-1) to read as follows:  
3     (C-1) IF A HEALTH PLAN DENIES PAYMENT FOR THE TREATMENT OF CONCURRENT  
4     SYMPTOMS OR SIDE EFFECTS DUE TO LACK OF PRE-AUTHORIZATION AND SUCH  
5     TREATMENT IS RENDERED AT THE SAME TIME AS A HEALTH CARE SERVICE FOR  
6     WHICH PRE-AUTHORIZATION WAS REQUIRED AND RECEIVED, UPON THE APPEAL OF  
7     THE DENIAL, THE DENIAL OF ANY SUCH SERVICE SHALL BE UPHELD ONLY IF IT IS  
8     DETERMINED THAT:  
9     (1) THE TREATMENT IS NOT A COVERED BENEFIT;  
10    (2) THE TREATMENT WAS NOT MEDICALLY NECESSARY PURSUANT TO SECTION FOUR  
11    THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED FOUR OF THIS CHAPTER OR SECTION FORTY-NINE HUNDRED  
12    FOUR OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH LAW;  
13    (3) THE TREATMENT WAS EXPERIMENTAL OR INVESTIGATIONAL PURSUANT TO  
14    SECTION FOUR THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED FOUR OF THIS CHAPTER OR SECTION  
15    FORTY-NINE HUNDRED FOUR OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH LAW; OR  
16    (4) ONE OF THE CONDITIONS SET FORTH IN PARAGRAPHS ONE THROUGH SIX OF  
17    SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION IS MET.  
18    S 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall  
19    have become a law.

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

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