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AN ACT to amend the insurance law, in relation to physical therapy services

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Paragraph 23 of subsection (i) of section 3216 of the
2 insurance law, as added by chapter 593 of the laws of 2000, is amended
3 to read as follows:
4 (23) If a policy provides for reimbursement for physical and occupa-
5 tional therapy service which is within the lawful scope of practice of a
6 duly licensed physical or occupational therapist, an insured shall be
7 entitled to reimbursement for such service whether the said service is
8 performed by a physician or through a duly licensed physical or occupa-
9 tional therapist, provided however, that nothing contained herein shall
10 be construed to impair any terms of such policy including appropriate
11 utilization review and the requirement that said service be performed
12 pursuant to a medical order, or a similar or related service of a physi-
13 cian. An insurer shall not impose a copayment or coinsurance amount
14 charged to the insured for services rendered for each date of service by

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

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1 a physical therapist licensed under article one hundred thirty-six of
2 the education law or an occupational therapist licensed under article
3 one hundred fifty-six of the education law that is greater than the
4 copayment or coinsurance amount imposed on the insured for services
5 provided to the insured for an office visit for the service of a
6 licensed primary care physician or osteopath for the same or a similar
7 diagnosed condition even if a different nomenclature is used to describe
8 the condition for which the services are provided.

9 § 2. Subparagraph (A) of paragraph 1 of subsection (f) of section 4235
10 of the insurance law is amended by adding a new clause (iii) to read as
11 follows:

12 (iii) a policy shall not impose a copayment or coinsurance amount
13 charged to the insured for services rendered for each date of service by
14 a physical therapist licensed under article one hundred thirty-six of
15 the education law or an occupational therapist licensed under article
16 one hundred fifty-six of the education law that is greater than the
17 copayment or coinsurance amount imposed on the insured for services
18 provided to the insured for an office visit for the service of a
19 licensed primary care physician or osteopath for the same or a similar
20 diagnosed condition even if a different nomenclature is used to describe
21 the condition for which the services are provided.

22 § 3. Subparagraph (A) of paragraph 4 of subsection (f) of section 4235
23 of the insurance law, as amended by chapter 593 of the laws of 2000, is
24 amended to read as follows:

25 (A) any physical and occupational therapy service which is within the
26 lawful scope of practice of a licensed physical and occupational thera-
27 pist, a subscriber to such policy shall be entitled to reimbursement for
28 such service, whether the said service is performed by a physician or
29 licensed physical and occupational therapist pursuant to prescription or
30 referral by a physician. A policy shall not impose a copayment or coin-
31 surance amount charged to the insured for services rendered for each
32 date of service by a physical therapist licensed under article one
33 hundred thirty-six of the education law or an occupational therapist
34 licensed under article one hundred fifty-six of the education law that
35 is greater than the copayment or coinsurance amount imposed on the
36 insured for services provided to the insured for an office visit for the
37 service of a licensed primary care physician or osteopath for the same
38 or a similar diagnosed condition even if a different nomenclature is
39 used to describe the condition for which the services are provided;

40 § 4. Subparagraph (G) of paragraph 1 of subsection (b) of section 4301
41 of the insurance law, as amended by chapter 593 of the laws of 2000, is
42 amended to read as follows:

43 (G) physical and occupational therapy care provided through licensed
44 physical and occupational therapists upon the prescription of a physi-
45 cian, provided, however, that no copayment or coinsurance amount charged
46 to the insured for services rendered for each date of service by a phys-
47 ical therapist licensed under article one hundred thirty-six of the
48 education law or an occupational therapist licensed under article one
49 hundred fifty-six of the education law is greater than the copayment or
50 coinsurance amount imposed on the insured for services provided to the
51 insured for an office visit for the service of a licensed primary care
52 physician or osteopath for the same or a similar diagnosed condition
53 even if a different nomenclature is used to describe the condition for
54 which the services are provided,

1 § 5. Paragraph 13 of subsection (b) of section 4322 of the insurance
2 law, as added by chapter 504 of the laws of 1995, is amended to read as
3 follows:

4 (13) Outpatient physical therapy up to ninety visits per condition per
5 calendar year, provided, however, that no copayment or coinsurance
6 amount charged to the insured for services rendered for each date of
7 service by a physical therapist licensed under article one hundred thir-
8 ty-six of the education law or an occupational therapist licensed under
9 article one hundred fifty-six of the education law is greater than the
10 copayment or coinsurance amount imposed on the insured for services
11 provided to the insured for an office visit for the service of a
12 licensed primary care physician or osteopath for the same or a similar
13 diagnosed condition even if a different nomenclature is used to describe
14 the condition for which the services are provided.

15 § 6. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after
16 it shall have become a law.