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AN ACT to amend the insurance law, the social services law, the education law and the public health law, in relation to requiring health insurance policies to include coverage of all FDA-approved contraceptive drugs, devices, and products, as well as voluntary sterilization procedures, contraceptive education and counseling, and related follow up services and prohibiting a health insurance policy from imposing any cost-sharing requirements or other restrictions or delays with respect to this coverage

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

1 Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "comprehensive  
2 sive contraception coverage act".

3 § 2. Paragraph 16 of subsection (1) of section 3221 of the insurance  
4 law, as added by chapter 554 of the laws of 2002, is amended to read as  
5 follows:

6 (16) (A) Every group or blanket policy [~~which provides coverage for~~  
7 ~~prescription drugs shall include coverage for the cost of contraceptive~~  
8 ~~drugs or devices approved by the federal food and drug administration or~~  
9 ~~generic equivalents approved as substitutes by such food and drug admin-~~  
10 ~~istration under the prescription of a health care provider legally~~  
11 ~~authorized to prescribe under title eight of the education law. The~~  
12 ~~coverage required by this section shall be included in policies and~~  
13 ~~certificates only through the addition of a rider.~~

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

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1 ~~(A)~~ that is issued, amended, renewed, effective or delivered on or  
2 after January first, two thousand eighteen, shall provide coverage for  
3 all of the following services and contraceptive methods:

4 (1) All FDA-approved contraceptive drugs, devices, and other products.  
5 This includes all FDA-approved over-the-counter contraceptive drugs,  
6 devices, and products as prescribed or as otherwise authorized under  
7 state or federal law. The following applies to this coverage:

8 (a) where the FDA has approved one or more therapeutic and pharmaceu-  
9 tical equivalent, as defined by the FDA, versions of a contraceptive  
10 drug, device, or product, a group or blanket policy is not required to  
11 include all such therapeutic and pharmaceutical equivalent versions in  
12 its formulary, so long as at least one is included and covered without  
13 cost-sharing and in accordance with this paragraph;

14 (b) if the covered therapeutic and pharmaceutical equivalent versions  
15 of a drug, device, or product are not available or are deemed medically  
16 inadvisable a group or blanket policy shall provide coverage for an  
17 alternate therapeutic and pharmaceutical equivalent version of the  
18 contraceptive drug, device, or product without cost-sharing;

19 (c) this coverage shall include emergency contraception without cost-  
20 sharing when provided pursuant to an ordinary prescription, non-patient  
21 specific regimen order, or order under section sixty-eight hundred thir-  
22 ty-one of the education law and when lawfully provided other than  
23 through a prescription or order; and

24 (d) this coverage must allow for the dispensing of twelve months worth  
25 of a contraceptive at one time;

26 (2) Voluntary sterilization procedures;

27 (3) Patient education and counseling on contraception; and

28 (4) Follow-up services related to the drugs, devices, products, and  
29 procedures covered under this paragraph, including, but not limited to,  
30 management of side effects, counseling for continued adherence, and  
31 device insertion and removal.

32 (B) A group or blanket policy subject to this paragraph shall not  
33 impose a deductible, coinsurance, copayment, or any other cost-sharing  
34 requirement on the coverage provided pursuant to this paragraph.

35 (C) Except as otherwise authorized under this paragraph, a group or  
36 blanket policy shall not impose any restrictions or delays on the cover-  
37 age required under this paragraph.

38 (D) Benefits for an enrollee under this paragraph shall be the same  
39 for an enrollee's covered spouse or domestic partner and covered  
40 nonspouse dependents.

41 (E) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subsection, a reli-  
42 gious employer may request a contract without coverage for federal food  
43 and drug administration approved contraceptive methods that are contrary  
44 to the religious employer's religious tenets. If so requested, such  
45 contract shall be provided without coverage for contraceptive methods.  
46 This paragraph shall not be construed to deny an enrollee coverage of,  
47 and timely access to, contraceptive methods.

48 (1) For purposes of this subsection, a "religious employer" is an  
49 entity for which each of the following is true:

50 (a) The inculcation of religious values is the purpose of the entity.

51 (b) The entity primarily employs persons who share the religious  
52 tenets of the entity.

53 (c) The entity serves primarily persons who share the religious tenets  
54 of the entity.

55 (d) The entity is a nonprofit organization as described in Section  
56 6033(a)(2)(A)i or iii, of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

1 (2) Every religious employer that invokes the exemption provided under  
2 this paragraph shall provide written notice to prospective enrollees  
3 prior to enrollment with the plan, listing the contraceptive health care  
4 services the employer refuses to cover for religious reasons.

5 [~~(B)~~—~~(i)~~] (F) (1) Where a group policyholder makes an election not to  
6 purchase coverage for contraceptive drugs or devices in accordance with  
7 subparagraph [~~(A)~~] (E) of this paragraph each certificateholder covered  
8 under the policy issued to that group policyholder shall have the right  
9 to directly purchase the rider required by this paragraph from the  
10 insurer which issued the group policy at the prevailing small group  
11 community rate for such rider whether or not the employee is part of a  
12 small group.

13 [~~(i)~~] (2) Where a group policyholder makes an election not to  
14 purchase coverage for contraceptive drugs or devices in accordance with  
15 subparagraph [~~(A)~~] (E) of this paragraph, the insurer that provides such  
16 coverage shall provide written notice to certificateholders upon enroll-  
17 ment with the insurer of their right to directly purchase a rider for  
18 coverage for the cost of contraceptive drugs or devices. The notice  
19 shall also advise the certificateholders of the additional premium for  
20 such coverage.

21 [~~(C)~~] (G) Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed as authorizing  
22 a group or blanket policy which provides coverage for prescription drugs  
23 to exclude coverage for prescription drugs prescribed for reasons other  
24 than contraceptive purposes.

25 [~~(D) Such coverage may be subject to reasonable annual deductibles and  
26 coinsurance as may be deemed appropriate by the superintendent and as  
27 are consistent with those established for other drugs or devices covered  
28 under the policy.~~]

29 § 3. Subsection (cc) of section 4303 of the insurance law, as added by  
30 chapter 554 of the laws of 2002, is amended to read as follows:

31 (cc) (1) Every contract [~~which provides coverage for prescription  
32 drugs shall include coverage for the cost of contraceptive drugs or  
33 devices approved by the federal food and drug administration or generic  
34 equivalents approved as substitutes by such food and drug administration  
35 under the prescription of a health care provider legally authorized to  
36 prescribe under title eight of the education law. The coverage required  
37 by this section shall be included in contracts and certificates only  
38 through the addition of a rider.~~

39 (1) that is issued, amended, renewed, effective or delivered on or  
40 after January first, two thousand eighteen, shall provide coverage for  
41 all of the following services and contraceptive methods:

42 (A) All FDA-approved contraceptive drugs, devices, and other products.  
43 This includes all FDA-approved over-the-counter contraceptive drugs,  
44 devices, and products as prescribed or as otherwise authorized under  
45 state or federal law. The following applies to this coverage:

46 (i) where the FDA has approved one or more therapeutic and pharmaceu-  
47 tical equivalent, as defined by the FDA, versions of a contraceptive  
48 drug, device, or product, a contract is not required to include all such  
49 therapeutic and pharmaceutical equivalent versions in its formulary, so  
50 long as at least one is included and covered without cost-sharing and in  
51 accordance with this subsection;

52 (ii) if the covered therapeutic and pharmaceutical equivalent versions  
53 of a drug, device, or product are not available or are deemed medically  
54 inadvisable a contract shall provide coverage for an alternate therapeu-  
55 tic and pharmaceutical equivalent version of the contraceptive drug,  
56 device, or product without cost-sharing;

1 (iii) this coverage shall include emergency contraception without  
2 cost-sharing when provided pursuant to an ordinary prescription, non-pa-  
3 tient specific regimen order, or order under section sixty-eight hundred  
4 thirty-one of the education law and when lawfully provided other than  
5 through a prescription or order; and

6 (iv) this coverage must allow for the dispensing of twelve months  
7 worth of a contraceptive at one time;

8 (B) Voluntary sterilization procedures;

9 (C) Patient education and counseling on contraception; and

10 (D) Follow-up services related to the drugs, devices, products, and  
11 procedures covered under this subsection, including, but not limited to,  
12 management of side effects, counseling for continued adherence, and  
13 device insertion and removal.

14 (2) A contract subject to this subsection shall not impose a deduct-  
15 ible, coinsurance, copayment, or any other cost-sharing requirement on  
16 the coverage provided pursuant to this subsection.

17 (3) Except as otherwise authorized under this subsection, a contract  
18 shall not impose any restrictions or delays on the coverage required  
19 under this subsection.

20 (4) Benefits for an enrollee under this subsection shall be the same  
21 for an enrollee's covered spouse or domestic partner and covered  
22 nonspouse dependents.

23 (5) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subsection, a reli-  
24 gious employer may request a contract without coverage for federal food  
25 and drug administration approved contraceptive methods that are contrary  
26 to the religious employer's religious tenets. If so requested, such  
27 contract shall be provided without coverage for contraceptive methods.  
28 This paragraph shall not be construed to deny an enrollee coverage of,  
29 and timely access to, contraceptive methods.

30 (A) For purposes of this subsection, a "religious employer" is an  
31 entity for which each of the following is true:

32 (i) The inculcation of religious values is the purpose of the entity.

33 (ii) The entity primarily employs persons who share the religious  
34 tenets of the entity.

35 (iii) The entity serves primarily persons who share the religious  
36 tenets of the entity.

37 (iv) The entity is a nonprofit organization as described in Section  
38 6033(a)(2)(A)i or iii, of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

39 (B) Every religious employer that invokes the exemption provided under  
40 this paragraph shall provide written notice to prospective enrollees  
41 prior to enrollment with the plan, listing the contraceptive health care  
42 services the employer refuses to cover for religious reasons.

43 [~~2~~](6) (A) Where a group contractholder makes an election not to  
44 purchase coverage for contraceptive drugs or devices in accordance with  
45 paragraph ~~one~~ five of this subsection, each enrollee covered under the  
46 contract issued to that group contractholder shall have the right to  
47 directly purchase the rider required by this subsection from the insurer  
48 or health maintenance organization which issued the group contract at  
49 the prevailing small group community rate for such rider whether or not  
50 the employee is part of a small group.

51 (B) Where a group contractholder makes an election not to purchase  
52 coverage for contraceptive drugs or devices in accordance with paragraph  
53 ~~one~~ five of this subsection, the insurer or health maintenance organ-  
54 ization that provides such coverage shall provide written notice to  
55 enrollees upon enrollment with the insurer or health maintenance organ-  
56 ization of their right to directly purchase a rider for coverage for the

1 cost of contraceptive drugs or devices. The notice shall also advise the  
2 enrollees of the additional premium for such coverage.

3 [~~(3)~~](7) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed as authorizing  
4 a contract which provides coverage for prescription drugs to exclude  
5 coverage for prescription drugs prescribed for reasons other than  
6 contraceptive purposes.

7 [~~(4) Such coverage may be subject to reasonable annual deductibles and  
8 coinsurance as may be deemed appropriate by the superintendent and as  
9 are consistent with those established for other drugs or devices covered  
10 under the policy.~~]

11 § 4. Subparagraph (E) of paragraph 17 of subsection (i) of section  
12 3216 of the insurance law is amended by adding a new clause (v) to read  
13 as follows:

14 (v) all FDA-approved contraceptive drugs, devices, and other products,  
15 including all over-the-counter contraceptive drugs, devices, and  
16 products as prescribed or as otherwise authorized under state or federal  
17 law; voluntary sterilization procedures; patient education and coun-  
18 seling on contraception; and follow-up services related to the drugs,  
19 devices, products, and procedures covered under this clause, including,  
20 but not limited to, management of side effects, counseling for continued  
21 adherence, and device insertion and removal. Except as otherwise author-  
22 ized under this clause, a contract shall not impose any restrictions or  
23 delays on the coverage required under this clause. However, where the  
24 FDA has approved one or more therapeutic and pharmaceutical equivalent,  
25 as defined by the FDA, versions of a contraceptive drug, device, or  
26 product, a contract is not required to include all such therapeutic and  
27 pharmaceutical equivalent versions in its formulary, so long as at least  
28 one is included and covered without cost-sharing and in accordance with  
29 this clause. If the covered therapeutic and pharmaceutical equivalent  
30 versions of a drug, device, or product are not available or are deemed  
31 medically inadvisable a contract shall provide coverage for an alternate  
32 therapeutic and pharmaceutical equivalent version of the contraceptive  
33 drug, device, or product without cost-sharing. This coverage shall  
34 include emergency contraception without cost-sharing when provided  
35 pursuant to an ordinary prescription, non-patient specific regimen  
36 order, or order under section sixty-eight hundred thirty-one of the  
37 education law and when lawfully provided other than through a  
38 prescription or order; and this coverage must allow for the dispensing  
39 of twelve months worth of a contraceptive at one time.

40 § 5. Paragraph (d) of subdivision 3 of section 365-a of the social  
41 services law, as amended by chapter 909 of the laws of 1974 and as  
42 relettered by chapter 82 of the laws of 1995, is amended to read as  
43 follows:

44 (d) family planning services and twelve months of supplies for eligi-  
45 ble persons of childbearing age, including children under twenty-one  
46 years of age who can be considered sexually active, who desire such  
47 services and supplies, in accordance with the requirements of federal  
48 law and regulations and the regulations of the department. No person  
49 shall be compelled or coerced to accept such services or supplies.

50 § 6. Subdivision 6 of section 6527 of the education law, as added by  
51 chapter 573 of the laws of 1999, paragraph (c) as amended by chapter 464  
52 of the laws of 2015, paragraph (d) as added by chapter 429 of the laws  
53 of 2005, paragraph (e) as added by chapter 352 of the laws of 2014,  
54 paragraph (f) as added by section 6 of part V of chapter 57 of the laws  
55 of 2015 and paragraph (g) as added by chapter 502 of the laws of 2016,  
56 is amended to read as follows:



1 6. A licensed physician may prescribe and order a non-patient specific  
2 regimen [~~to a registered professional nurse~~], pursuant to regulations  
3 promulgated by the commissioner, and consistent with the public health  
4 law, [~~for~~] to:

5 (a) a registered professional nurse for:

6 (i) administering immunizations[-];

7 [~~(b)~~] (ii) the emergency treatment of anaphylaxis[-];

8 [~~(c)~~] (iii) administering purified protein derivative (PPD) tests or  
9 other tests to detect or screen for tuberculosis infections[-];

10 [~~(d)~~] (iv) administering tests to determine the presence of the human  
11 immunodeficiency virus[-];

12 [~~(e)~~] (v) administering tests to determine the presence of the hepatis  
13 C virus[-];

14 [~~(f)~~] (vi) emergency contraception, to be administered to or dispensed  
15 to be self-administered by the patient, under section sixty-eight  
16 hundred thirty-two of this title;

17 (vii) the urgent or emergency treatment of opioid related overdose or  
18 suspected opioid related overdose[-]; or

19 [~~(g)~~] (viii) screening of persons at increased risk of syphilis,  
20 gonorrhea and chlamydia.

21 (b) a licensed pharmacist, for dispensing emergency contraception, to  
22 be self-administered by the patient, under section sixty-eight hundred  
23 thirty-two of this title.

24 § 7. Subdivision 3 of section 6807 of the education law, as added by  
25 chapter 573 of the laws of 1999, is amended and a new subdivision 4 is  
26 added to read as follows:

27 3. A pharmacist may dispense drugs and devices to a registered profes-  
28 sional nurse, and a registered professional nurse may possess and admin-  
29 ister, drugs and devices, pursuant to a non-patient specific regimen  
30 prescribed or ordered by a licensed physician, licensed midwife or  
31 certified nurse practitioner, pursuant to regulations promulgated by the  
32 commissioner and the public health law.

33 4. A pharmacist may dispense a non-patient specific regimen of emer-  
34 gency contraception, to be self-administered by the patient, prescribed  
35 or ordered by a licensed physician, certified nurse practitioner, or  
36 licensed midwife, under section sixty-eight hundred thirty-two of this  
37 article.

38 § 8. The education law is amended by adding a new section 6832 to read  
39 as follows:

40 § 6832. Emergency contraception; non-patient specific prescription or  
41 order. 1. As used in this section, the following terms shall have the  
42 following meanings, unless the context requires otherwise:

43 (a) "Emergency contraception" means one or more prescription or  
44 nonprescription drugs, used separately or in combination, in a dosage  
45 and manner for preventing pregnancy when used after intercourse, found  
46 safe and effective for that use by the United States food and drug  
47 administration, and dispensed or administered for that purpose.

48 (b) "Prescriber" means a licensed physician, certified nurse practi-  
49 tioner or licensed midwife.

50 2. This section applies to the administering or dispensing of emergen-  
51 cy contraception by a registered professional nurse or the dispensing of  
52 emergency contraception by a licensed pharmacist pursuant to a  
53 prescription or order for a non-patient specific regimen made by a pres-  
54 criber under section sixty-five hundred twenty-seven, sixty-nine hundred  
55 nine or sixty-nine hundred fifty-one of this title. This section does

1 not apply to administering or dispensing emergency contraception when  
 2 lawfully done without such a prescription or order.

3 3. The administering or dispensing of emergency contraception by a  
 4 registered professional nurse or the dispensing of emergency contracep-  
 5 tion by a licensed pharmacist shall be done in accordance with profes-  
 6 sional standards of practice and in accordance with written procedures  
 7 and protocols agreed to by the registered professional nurse or licensed  
 8 pharmacist and the prescriber or a hospital (licensed under article  
 9 twenty-eight of the public health law) that provides gynecological or  
 10 family planning services.

11 4. (a) When emergency contraception is administered or dispensed, the  
 12 registered professional nurse or licensed pharmacist shall provide to  
 13 the patient written material that includes: (i) the clinical consider-  
 14 ations and recommendations for use of the drug; (ii) the appropriate  
 15 method for using the drug; (iii) information on the importance of  
 16 follow-up health care; (iv) information on the health risks and other  
 17 dangers of unprotected intercourse; and (v) referral information relat-  
 18 ing to health care and services relating to sexual abuse and domestic  
 19 violence.

20 (b) Such written material shall be developed or approved by the  
 21 commissioner in consultation with the department of health and the Amer-  
 22 ican college of obstetricians and gynecologists.

23 § 9. Subdivision 4 of section 6909 of the education law, as added by  
 24 chapter 573 of the laws of 1999, paragraph (a) as amended by chapter 221  
 25 of the laws of 2002, paragraph (c) as amended by chapter 464 of the laws  
 26 of 2015, paragraph (d) as added by chapter 429 of the laws of 2005,  
 27 paragraph (e) as added by chapter 352 of the laws of 2014, paragraph (f)  
 28 as added by section 5 of part V of chapter 57 of the laws of 2015 and  
 29 paragraph (g) as added by chapter 502 of the laws of 2016, is amended to  
 30 read as follows:

31 4. A certified nurse practitioner may prescribe and order a non-pa-  
 32 tient specific regimen [~~to a registered professional nurse~~], pursuant to  
 33 regulations promulgated by the commissioner, consistent with subdivision  
 34 three of section [~~six thousand nine~~] sixty-nine hundred two of this  
 35 article, and consistent with the public health law, for:

36 (a) a registered professional nurse for:  
 37 (i) administering immunizations[+];  
 38 [~~(b)~~] (ii) the emergency treatment of anaphylaxis[+];  
 39 [~~(c)~~] (iii) administering purified protein derivative (PPD) tests or  
 40 other tests to detect or screen for tuberculosis infections[+];  
 41 [~~(d)~~] (iv) administering tests to determine the presence of the human  
 42 immunodeficiency virus[+];  
 43 [~~(e)~~] (v) administering tests to determine the presence of the hepati-  
 44 tis C virus[+];  
 45 [~~(f)~~] (vi) emergency contraception, to be administered to or dispensed  
 46 to be self-administered by the patient, under section sixty-eight  
 47 hundred thirty-two of this title;  
 48 (vii) the urgent or emergency treatment of opioid related overdose or  
 49 suspected opioid related overdose[+]; or  
 50 [~~(g)~~] (viii) screening of persons at increased risk for syphilis,  
 51 gonorrhea and chlamydia.

52 (b) a licensed pharmacist, for dispensing emergency contraception, to  
 53 be self-administered by the patient, under section sixty-eight hundred  
 54 thirty-two of this title.

55 § 10. Subdivision 5 of section 6909 of the education law, as added by  
 56 chapter 573 of the laws of 1999, is amended to read as follows:

1 5. A registered professional nurse may execute a non-patient specific  
2 regimen prescribed or ordered by a licensed physician, licensed midwife  
3 or certified nurse practitioner, pursuant to regulations promulgated by  
4 the commissioner.

5 § 11. Section 6951 of the education law is amended by adding a new  
6 subdivision 4 to read as follows:

7 4. A licensed midwife may prescribe and order a non-patient specific  
8 regimen pursuant to regulations promulgated by the commissioner,  
9 consistent with this section and the public health law, to:

10 (a) a registered professional nurse for emergency contraception, to be  
11 administered to or dispensed to be self-administered by the patient,  
12 under section sixty-eight hundred thirty-two of this title; or

13 (b) a licensed pharmacist, for dispensing emergency contraception, to  
14 be self-administered by the patient, under section sixty-eight hundred  
15 thirty-two of this title.

16 § 12. Subdivision 1 of section 207 of the public health law is amended  
17 by adding a new paragraph (n) to read as follows:

18 (n) Emergency contraception, including information about its safety,  
19 efficacy, appropriate use and availability.

20 § 13. This act shall take effect January 1, 2018; provided that  
21 section six of this act shall take effect January 1, 2019; provided,  
22 however, that effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or  
23 repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of  
24 this act on its effective date are authorized and directed to be made  
25 and completed by the commissioner of education and the board of regents  
26 on or before such effective date.