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NACCI, MAGEE, MAGNARELLI, McDONALD, McDONOUGH, McKEVITT, McLAUGHLIN, MOSLEY, OTIS, PAULIN, PEOPLES-STOKES, PERRY, PRETLOW, QUART, RAIA, RAMOS, ROSENTHAL, SALADINO, SEPULVEDA, SIMANOWITZ, STEC, STECK, STIRPE, THIELE, WALTER, WOERNER, ZEBROWSKI -- read once and referred to the Committee on Insurance

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:

Section 1. Paragraph 23 of subsection (i) of section 3216 of the insurance law, as added by chapter 593 of the laws of 2000, is amended to read as follows:

(23) If a policy provides for reimbursement for physical and occupational therapy service which is within the lawful scope of practice of a duly licensed physical or occupational therapist, an insured shall be entitled to reimbursement for such service whether the said service is performed by a physician or through a duly licensed physical or occupational therapist, provided however, that nothing contained herein shall be construed to impair any terms of such policy including appropriate utilization review and the requirement that said service be performed pursuant to a medical order, or a similar or related service of a physician provided that such terms shall not impose co-payments in excess of twenty percent of the total reimbursement to the provider of care or different deductibles, co-payments or co-insurance amounts on the basis

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

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1 of the setting in which such physical therapy services are rendered or
2 whether the services are performed by a physical therapist or physician.

3 § 2. Subparagraph (A) of paragraph 1 of subsection (f) of section 4235
4 of the insurance law, as amended by chapter 219 of the laws of 2011, is
5 amended to read as follows:

6 (A) Any policy of group accident, group health or group accident and
7 health insurance may include provisions for the payment by the insurer
8 of benefits for expenses incurred on account of hospital, medical or
9 surgical care or physical and occupational therapy by licensed physical
10 and occupational therapists upon the prescription or referral of a
11 physician for the employee or other member of the insured group, the
12 employee's or member's spouse, the employee's or member's child or chil-
13 dren, or other persons chiefly dependent upon the employee or member for
14 support and maintenance; provided that:

15 (i) a policy of hospital, medical, surgical, or prescription drug
16 expense insurance that provides coverage for children shall provide such
17 coverage to a married or unmarried child until attainment of age twen-
18 ty-six, without regard to financial dependence, residency with the
19 employee or member, student status, or employment, except a policy that
20 is a grandfathered health plan may, for plan years beginning before
21 January first, two thousand fourteen, exclude coverage of an adult child
22 under age twenty-six who is eligible to enroll in an employer-sponsored
23 health plan other than a group health plan of a parent. For purposes of
24 this item, "grandfathered health plan" means coverage provided by an
25 insurer in which an individual was enrolled on March twenty-third, two
26 thousand ten for as long as the coverage maintains grandfathered status
27 in accordance with section 1251(e) of the Affordable Care Act, 42 U.S.C.
28 § 18011(e); and

29 (ii) a policy under which coverage terminates at a specified age shall
30 not so terminate with respect to an unmarried child who is incapable of
31 self-sustaining employment by reason of mental illness, developmental
32 disability, mental retardation, as defined in the mental hygiene law, or
33 physical handicap and who became so incapable prior to attainment of the
34 age at which coverage would otherwise terminate and who is chiefly
35 dependent upon such employee or member for support and maintenance,
36 while the insurance of the employee or member remains in force and the
37 child remains in such condition, if the insured employee or member has
38 within thirty-one days of such child's attainment of the termination age
39 submitted proof of such child's incapacity as described herein. No

40 policy of group accident, group health or group accident and health
41 insurance shall impose co-payments in excess of twenty percent of the
42 total reimbursement to the provider of care or different deductibles,
43 co-payments or co-insurance amounts on the basis of the setting in which
44 such physical therapy services are rendered or whether the services are
45 performed by a physical therapist or physician.

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

49 (A) any physical and occupational therapy service which is within the
50 lawful scope of practice of a licensed physical and occupational thera-
51 pist, a subscriber to such policy shall be entitled to reimbursement for
52 such service, whether the said service is performed by a physician or
53 licensed physical and occupational therapist pursuant to prescription or
54 referral by a physician; and a policy of group accident, group health or
55 group accident and health insurance shall not impose co-payments in
56 excess of twenty percent of the total reimbursement to the provider of

1 care or different deductibles, co-payments or co-insurance amounts on
2 the basis of the setting in which such physical therapy services are
3 rendered or whether the services are performed by a physical therapist
4 or physician;

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

8 (G) physical and occupational therapy care provided through licensed
9 physical and occupational therapists upon the prescription of a physi-
10 cian and any co-payments related to reimbursement for physical therapy
11 services shall not exceed twenty percent of the total reimbursement to
12 the provider of care or different deductibles, co-payments or co-insu-
13 rance amounts on the basis of the setting in which such physical therapy
14 services are rendered or whether the services are performed by a phys-
15 ical therapist or physician,

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

19 (13) Outpatient physical therapy up to ninety visits per condition per
20 calendar year and any co-payments related to reimbursement for such
21 services shall not exceed twenty percent of the total reimbursement to
22 the provider of care or different deductibles, co-payments or co-insu-
23 rance amounts on the basis of the setting in which such physical therapy
24 services are rendered or whether the services are performed by a phys-
25 ical therapist or physician.

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