

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. L. ROSENTHAL -- read once and referred to the Committee on Insurance

AN ACT to amend the insurance law, in relation to providing reimbursement for transportation to and from inpatient and outpatient diagnosis and treatment of substance disorder

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

1 Section 1. Subparagraph (A) of paragraph 30 of subsection (i) of
2 section 3216 of the insurance law, as amended by section 5 of subpart A
3 of part BB of chapter 57 of the laws of 2019, is amended to read as
4 follows:

5 (A) Every policy that provides hospital, major medical or similar
6 comprehensive coverage shall provide inpatient coverage for the diagno-
7 sis and treatment of substance use disorder, including detoxification
8 and rehabilitation services, and shall provide reimbursement for trans-
9 portation to and from such inpatient diagnosis and treatment of
10 substance use disorder. Such inpatient coverage shall include unlimited
11 medically necessary treatment for substance use disorder treatment
12 services provided in residential settings. Further, such inpatient
13 coverage shall not apply financial requirements or treatment limita-
14 tions, including utilization review requirements, to inpatient substance
15 use disorder benefits that are more restrictive than the predominant
16 financial requirements and treatment limitations applied to substantial-
17 ly all medical and surgical benefits covered by the policy.

18 § 2. Subparagraph (A) of paragraph 31 of subsection (i) of section
19 3216 of the insurance law, as amended by section 6 of subpart A of part
20 BB of chapter 57 of the laws of 2019, is amended to read as follows:

21 (A) Every policy that provides medical, major medical or similar
22 comprehensive-type coverage shall provide outpatient coverage for the
23 diagnosis and treatment of substance use disorder, including detoxifica-
24 tion and rehabilitation services, and shall provide reimbursement for
25 transportation to and from such outpatient diagnosis and treatment of
26 substance use disorder. Such coverage shall not apply financial require-
27 ments or treatment limitations to outpatient substance use disorder

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

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benefits that are more restrictive than the predominant financial requirements and treatment limitations applied to substantially all medical and surgical benefits covered by the policy.

§ 3. Subparagraph (A) of paragraph 6 of subsection (1) of section 3221 of the insurance law, as amended by section 15 of subpart A of part BB of chapter 57 of the laws of 2019, is amended to read as follows:

(A) Every policy that provides hospital, major medical or similar comprehensive coverage shall provide inpatient coverage for the diagnosis and treatment of substance use disorder, including detoxification and rehabilitation services, and shall provide reimbursement for transportation to and from such inpatient diagnosis and treatment of substance use disorder. Such inpatient coverage shall include unlimited medically necessary treatment for substance use disorder treatment services provided in residential settings. Further, such inpatient coverage shall not apply financial requirements or treatment limitations, including utilization review requirements, to inpatient substance use disorder benefits that are more restrictive than the predominant financial requirements and treatment limitations applied to substantially all medical and surgical benefits covered by the policy.

§ 4. Subparagraph (A) of paragraph 7 of subsection (1) of section 3221 of the insurance law, as amended by section 16 of subpart A of part BB of chapter 57 of the laws of 2019, is amended to read as follows:

(A) Every policy that provides medical, major medical or similar comprehensive-type coverage shall provide outpatient coverage for the diagnosis and treatment of substance use disorder, including detoxification and rehabilitation services, and shall provide reimbursement for transportation to and from such outpatient diagnosis and treatment of substance use disorder. Such coverage shall not apply financial requirements or treatment limitations to outpatient substance use disorder benefits that are more restrictive than the predominant financial requirements and treatment limitations applied to substantially all medical and surgical benefits covered by the policy.

§ 5. Paragraph 1 of subsection (k) of section 4303 of the insurance law, as amended by section 26 of subpart A of part BB of chapter 57 of the laws of 2019, is amended to read as follows:

(1) Every contract that provides hospital, major medical or similar comprehensive coverage shall provide inpatient coverage for the diagnosis and treatment of substance use disorder, including detoxification and rehabilitation services, and shall provide reimbursement for transportation to and from such inpatient diagnosis and treatment of substance use disorder. Such inpatient coverage shall include unlimited medically necessary treatment for substance use disorder treatment services provided in residential settings. Further, such inpatient coverage shall not apply financial requirements or treatment limitations, including utilization review requirements, to inpatient substance use disorder benefits that are more restrictive than the predominant financial requirements and treatment limitations applied to substantially all medical and surgical benefits covered by the contract.

§ 6. Paragraph 1 of subsection (l) of section 4303 of the insurance law, as amended by section 27 of subpart A of part BB of chapter 57 of the laws of 2019, is amended to read as follows:

(1) Every contract that provides medical, major medical or similar comprehensive-type coverage shall provide outpatient coverage for the diagnosis and treatment of substance use disorder, including detoxification and rehabilitation services, and shall provide reimbursement for transportation to and from such outpatient diagnosis and treatment of

1 substance use disorder. Such coverage shall not apply financial
2 requirements or treatment limitations to outpatient substance use disor-
3 der benefits that are more restrictive than the predominant financial
4 requirements and treatment limitations applied to substantially all
5 medical and surgical benefits covered by the contract.

6 § 7. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall
7 have become a law; provided, however, that if part BB of chapter 57 of
8 the laws of 2019 has not taken effect on or before such date then this
9 act shall take effect on the same date and in the same manner as such
10 part takes effect; and shall apply to all policies and contracts issued,
11 renewed, modified, altered or amended on or after such date.