STATE OF NEW YORK

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2021-2022 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

March 16, 2021

Introduced by Sen. HARCKHAM -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Insurance

AN ACT to amend the insurance law, in relation to prohibiting co-payments for treatment at an opioid treatment program

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

Section 1. Subsection (i) of section 3216 of the insurance law is 2 amended by adding a new paragraph 31-b to read as follows:

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- (31-b) Every policy that provides coverage for treatment at an opioid 4 treatment program shall not impose a co-payment fee during the course of 5 treatment on any insured for such treatment. For the purposes of this section "opioid treatment program" means a program or practitioner engaged in opioid treatment of individuals with an opioid agonist treatment medication.
- 9 § 2. Subsection (1) of section 3221 of the insurance law is amended by 10 adding a new paragraph 7-b to read as follows:
- 11 (7-b) Every policy that provides coverage for treatment at an opioid 12 treatment program shall not impose a co-payment fee during the course of 13 treatment on any insured for such treatment. For the purposes of this 14 <u>section "opioid treatment program" means a program or practitioner</u> engaged in opioid treatment of individuals with an opioid agonist treat-15 16 ment medication.
- 17 § 3. Section 4303 of the insurance law is amended by adding a new 18 subsection (1-2) to read as follows:
- 19 (1-2) Every policy that provides coverage for treatment at an opioid 20 treatment program shall not impose a co-payment fee during the course of 21 treatment on any insured for such treatment. For the purposes of this 22 <u>section "opioid treatment program" means a program or practitioner</u> 23 engaged in opioid treatment of individuals with an opioid agonist treat-24 ment medication.

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

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1 § 4. This act shall take effect on the first of January next succeed-2 ing the date on which it shall have become a law and shall apply to 3 policies and contracts issued, renewed, modified, altered or amended on 4 and after such date.