

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:

1 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:

3 (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
6 section "opioid treatment program" means a program or practitioner
7 engaged in opioid treatment of individuals with an opioid agonist treat-
8 ment 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 section "opioid treatment program" means a program or practitioner
15 engaged in opioid treatment of individuals with an opioid agonist treat-
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 section "opioid treatment program" means a program or practitioner
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.