STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

January 29, 2024

Introduced by Sen. SCARCELLA-SPANTON -- 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 requiring postpartum pelvic floor physical therapy be covered under maternity care

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

Section 1. Item (ii) of subparagraph (A) of paragraph 10 of subsection (i) of section 3216 of the insurance law, as added by chapter 56 of the laws of 1996, is amended to read as follows:

(ii) Maternity care coverage shall also include, at minimum, parent education, assistance and training in breast or bottle feeding, **postpartum pelvic floor physical therapy,** and the performance of any necessary maternal and newborn clinical assessments.

§ 2. Item (ii) of subparagraph (A) of paragraph 5 of subsection (k) of section 3221 of the insurance law, as added by chapter 56 of the laws of 1996, is amended to read as follows:

(ii) Maternity care coverage shall also include, at minimum, parent education, assistance and training in breast or bottle feeding, **postpartum pelvic floor physical therapy,** and the performance of any necessary maternal and newborn clinical assessments.

§ 3. Subparagraph (B) of paragraph 1 of subsection (c) of section 4303 of the insurance law, as amended by chapter 661 of the laws of 1997, is amended to read as follows:

(B) Maternity care coverage also shall include, at minimum, parent education, assistance and training in breast or bottle feeding, **postpartum pelvic floor physical therapy,** and the performance of any necessary maternal and newborn clinical assessments.

§ 4. This act shall take effect one year after it shall have become a law and shall apply to policies or contracts issued, renewed, modified, altered, or amended on or after such date. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed on or before such date.

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

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