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2023-2024 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

May 10, 2023

Introduced by Sen. FERNANDEZ -- 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 including individuals treated with opioid partial agonist treatment medication as being in an opioid treatment program for the purposes of certain insurance coverage and co-payments

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

Section 1. Paragraph 31-b of subsection (i) of section 3216 of the insurance law, as added by chapter 734 of the laws of 2022, is amended to read as follows:

(31-b) Every policy that provides coverage for treatment at an opioid treatment program shall not impose a co-payment fee during the course of 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 **or opioid partial agonist** treatment medication.

§ 2. Paragraph 7-b of subsection (l) of section 3221 of the insurance law, as added by chapter 734 of the laws of 2022, is amended to read as follows:

(7-b) Every policy that provides coverage for treatment at an opioid treatment program shall not impose a co-payment fee during the course of 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 **or opioid partial agonist** treatment medication.

§ 3. Subsection (l-2) of section 4303 of the insurance law, as added by chapter 734 of the laws of 2022, is amended to read as follows:

(l-2) Every policy that provides coverage for treatment at an opioid treatment program shall not impose a co-payment fee during the course of treatment on any insured for such treatment. For the purposes of this

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

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section "opioid treatment program" means a program or practitioner engaged in opioid treatment of individuals with an opioid agonist **or opioid partial agonist** treatment medication.

§ 4. This act shall take effect immediately and shall apply to policies and contracts issued, renewed, modified, altered or amended on and after such date.