STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

January 3, 2024

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 requiring certain private insurance plans to reimburse for services provided by child advocacy centers

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

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

(4) **(A)** If a policy provides for reimbursement for psychiatric or psychological services or for diagnosis and treatment of mental health conditions however defined in the policy, the insured shall be entitled to reimbursement for such services, diagnosis or treatment whether performed by a physician, psychiatrist, a certified and registered psychologist, or a nurse practitioner when the services rendered are within the lawful scope of their practice.

(B) (i) Every policy delivered or issued for delivery in this state which provides for reimbursement for psychiatric or psychological services or for diagnosis and treatment of mental health conditions shall also include reimbursement for services provided by child advocacy centers established pursuant to section four hundred twenty-three-a of the social services law.

(ii) Reimbursement under this subparagraph may be limited to facilities in New York state that are licensed, certified or otherwise authorized by the office of children and family services.

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

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

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