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**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY
JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2016**

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RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES

Introduced By: Senators Miller, Coyne, Satchell, Jabour, and Nesselbush

Date Introduced: February 11, 2016

Referred To: Senate Health & Human Services

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 27-18 of the General Laws entitled "Accident and Sickness Insurance Policies" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

27-18-82. Opioid antagonists. -- (a) Every individual or group health insurance contract, plan, or policy that provides prescription coverage that is delivered, issued for delivery, amended or renewed in this state on or after January 1, 2017, shall provide coverage for ~~all~~ at least one generic opioid antagonists and all necessary devices. and services information related thereto., including provision of patient information. Prior authorization may be required for non-generic forms of opioid antagonists and devices.

(b) As used in this section:

~~—(1) "Opioid antagonist" means naloxone hydrochloride and any other drug approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration for the treatment of opioid overdose.~~

~~—(2) "Patient" has the meaning provided in R.I. Admin. Code 31-2-9:1.0.~~

~~—(3) "Patient information" has the meaning provided in R.I. Admin. Code 31-2-9:1.0~~

(c) The coverage mandated by this section shall include all-generic opioid antagonists prescribed

~~or dispensed as permitted by R.I. Admin. Code 31-2-9 or any other statute or regulation, including, without limitation, generic opioid antagonists prescribed or dispensed via standing order or collaborative practice agreement and generic opioid antagonists intended for use on patients other than the insured, as permitted by R.I. Admin. Code 31-2-9. No prior authorization may be required for any opioid antagonist. Prior authorization may be required for non-generic forms of opioid antagonists and devices.~~

(d) Notwithstanding §27-18-19 or any other provision to the contrary, this section shall apply to blanket or group policies of insurance.

SECTION 2. Chapter 27-19 of the General Laws entitled "Nonprofit Hospital Service Corporations" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

27-19-73. Opioid antagonists. -- (a) Every individual or group health insurance contract, plan, or policy that provides prescription coverage that is delivered, issued for delivery, amended or renewed in this state on or after January 1, 2017, shall provide coverage for ~~all~~ at least one generic opioid antagonists and all necessary devices. and services information related thereto., including provision of patient information. Prior authorization may be required for non-generic forms of opioid antagonists and devices.

(b) As used in this section:

~~—(1) "Opioid antagonist" means naloxone hydrochloride and any other drug approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration for the treatment of opioid overdose.~~

~~—(2) "Patient" has the meaning provided in R.I. Admin. Code 31-2-9:1.0.~~

~~—(3) "Patient information" has the meaning provided in R.I. Admin. Code 31-2-9:1.0~~

(c) The coverage mandated by this section shall include all generic opioid antagonists prescribed or dispensed as permitted by R.I. Admin. Code 31-2-9 or any other statute or regulation, including, without limitation, generic opioid antagonists prescribed or dispensed via standing order or collaborative practice agreement and generic opioid antagonists intended for use on patients other than the insured, as permitted by R.I. Admin. Code 31-2-9. No prior authorization may be required for any opioid antagonist. Prior authorization may be required for non-generic forms of opioid antagonists and devices.

SECTION 3. Chapter 27-20 of the General Laws entitled "Nonprofit Medical Service Corporations" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

27-20-69. Opioid antagonists. -- (a) Every individual or group health insurance contract,

plan, or policy that provides prescription coverage that is delivered, issued for delivery, amended or renewed in this state on or after January 1, 2017, shall provide coverage for ~~all~~ at least one generic opioid antagonists and ~~all necessary devices, and services information related thereto., including provision of patient information.~~ Prior authorization may be required for non-generic forms of opioid antagonists and devices.

(b) As used in this section:

~~(1) "Opioid antagonist" means naloxone hydrochloride and any other drug approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration for the treatment of opioid overdose.~~

~~(2) "Patient" has the meaning provided in R.I. Admin. Code 31-2-9:1.0.~~

~~(3) "Patient information" has the meaning provided in R.I. Admin. Code 31-2-9:1.0~~

(c) The coverage mandated by this section shall include ~~all~~ generic opioid antagonists prescribed or dispensed as ~~permitted by R.I. Admin. Code 31-2-9 or any other statute or regulation, including, without limitation, generic opioid antagonists prescribed or dispensed via standing order or collaborative practice agreement and generic opioid antagonists intended for use on patients other than the insured, as permitted by R.I. Admin. Code 31-2-9. No prior authorization may be required for any opioid antagonist.~~ Prior authorization may be required for non-generic forms of opioid antagonists and devices.

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SECTION 4. Chapter 27-41 of the General Laws entitled "Health Maintenance Organizations" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

27-41-86. Opioid antagonists. -- (a) Every individual or group health insurance contract, plan, or policy that provides prescription coverage that is delivered, issued for delivery, amended or renewed in this state on or after January 1, 2017, shall provide coverage for ~~all~~ at least one generic opioid antagonists and ~~all necessary devices, and services information related thereto., including provision of patient information.~~ Prior authorization may be required for non-generic forms of opioid antagonists and devices.

(b) As used in this section:

~~(1) "Opioid antagonist" means naloxone hydrochloride and any other drug approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration for the treatment of opioid overdose.~~

~~(2) "Patient" has the meaning provided in R.I. Admin. Code 31-2-9:1.0.~~

~~(3) "Patient information" has the meaning provided in R.I. Admin. Code 31-2-9:1.0~~

~~(c) The coverage mandated by this section shall include all generic opioid antagonists prescribed or dispensed as permitted by R.I. Admin. Code 31-2-9 or any other statute or regulation, including, without limitation, generic opioid antagonists prescribed or dispensed via standing order or collaborative practice agreement and generic opioid antagonists intended for use on patients other than the insured, as permitted by R.I. Admin. Code 31-2-9. No prior authorization may be required for any opioid antagonist. Prior authorization may be required for non-generic forms of opioid antagonists and devices.~~

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect on January 1, 2017.

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EXPLANATION

BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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This act would require all health insurance providers that provide prescription coverage to provide coverage for generic opioid antagonists (overdose preventive medicine), and ~~all~~ devices and services information related to the use thereof. It would permit prior authorization for non-generic forms of opioid antagonists and devices. This would apply to nonprofit hospital service corporations, nonprofit medical service corporations and health maintenance organizations.

This act would take effect on January 1, 2017.