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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, July 26, 2010.

The committee on Ways and Means to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill House, No. 3809), reports recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 4935) ought to pass.

For the committee,

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The Commonwealth of Alassachusetts

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An Act relative to insurance coverage for autism.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Chapter 32A of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following
- 2 section:-
- 3 Section 25. (a) As used in this section the following words shall, unless the context clearly
- 4 requires otherwise, have the following meanings:-
- 5 "Actuary", a person who is a member of American Academy of Actuaries and meets Academy's
- 6 professional qualification standards for rendering an actuarial opinion related to health insurance
- 7 rate making,
- 8 "Applied behavior analysis", the design, implementation and evaluation of environmental
- 9 modifications, using behavioral stimuli and consequences, to produce socially significant
- improvement in human behavior, including the use of direct observation, measurement and
- functional analysis of the relationship between environment and behavior.
- "Autism services provider", a person, entity or group that provides treatment of autism spectrum
- 13 disorders.
- "Autism spectrum disorders", any of the Pervasive Developmental Disorders as defined by the
- most recent edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, including
- Autistic Disorder, Asperger's Disorder, and Pervasive Developmental Disorders Not Otherwise
- 17 Specified.

- 18 "Board certified behavior analyst", a behavior analyst credentialed by the Behavior Analyst
- 19 Certification Board as a board certified behavior analyst.
- 20 "Diagnosis of autism spectrum disorders", medically necessary assessments, evaluations
- 21 including neuropsychological evaluations, genetic testing or other tests to diagnose whether an
- 22 individual has 1 of the autism spectrum disorders.
- 23 "Habilitative or rehabilitative care", professional, counseling and guidance services and
- 24 treatment programs, including but not limited to, applied behavior analysis supervised by a board
- certified behavior analyst, that are necessary to develop, maintain and restore, to the maximum
- 26 extent practicable, the functioning of an individual.
- 27 "Pharmacy care", medications prescribed by a licensed physician and health-related services
- deemed medically necessary to determine the need or effectiveness of the medications, to the
- same extent that pharmacy care is provided by the insurance policy for other medical conditions.
- 30 "Psychiatric care", direct or consultative services provided by a psychiatrist licensed in the state
- 31 in which the psychiatrist practices.
- 32 "Psychological care", direct or consultative services provided by a psychologist licensed in the
- 33 state in which the psychologist practices.
- 34 "Therapeutic care", services provided by licensed or certified speech therapists, occupational
- 35 therapists, physical therapists or social workers.
- 36 "Treatment of Autism Spectrum Disorders", includes the following care prescribed, provided or
- ordered for an individual diagnosed with 1 of the autism spectrum disorders by a licensed
- 38 physician or a licensed psychologist who determines the care to be medically necessary:
- 39 habilitative or rehabilitative care; pharmacy care; psychiatric care; psychological care; and
- 40 therapeutic care.
- 41 (b) The commission shall provide to an active or retired employee of the commonwealth who is
- 42 insured under the group insurance commission benefits on a nondiscriminatory basis for the
- diagnosis and treatment of Autism Spectrum Disorder in individuals.
- 44 (c) A health plan provided by the commission shall be in compliance with subsection (b) if the
- 45 plan does not contain any annual or lifetime dollar or unit of service limitation on coverage for
- 46 the diagnosis and treatment of Autism Spectrum Disorders which is less than any annual or

- 47 lifetime dollar or unit of service limitation imposed on coverage for the diagnosis and treatment
- 48 of physical conditions.
- 49 (d) This section shall not limit benefits that are otherwise available to an individual under a
- 50 health insurance policy.
- 51 (e) Coverage under this section shall not be subject to any limits on the number of visits an
- 52 individual may make to an autism services provider.
- 53 (f) This section shall not affect any obligation to provide services to an individual under an
- 54 individualized family service plan, an individualized education program or an individualized
- service plan. Services related to autism spectrum disorder provided by school personnel pursuant
- to an individualized education program are not subject to reimbursement under this section.
- 57 (g) An insurer, corporation or health maintenance organization shall be exempt from providing
- 58 coverage for habilitative or rehabilitative care required under this section and not covered by the
- insurer, corporation or health maintenance organization as of December 31, 2010, if:
- 60 (1) an actuary, affiliated with the insurer, corporation or health maintenance organization
- 61 certifies in writing to the commissioner of insurance that:
- 62 (i) based on an analysis to be completed by each insurer, corporation or health maintenance
- organization for the most recent experience period of at least 1 year's duration, the costs
- associated with coverage of habilitative or rehabilitative care required under this section, and not
- covered as of December 31, 2010, exceeded 1 per cent of the premiums charged over the
- experience period by the insurer, corporation or health maintenance organization;
- 67 (ii) those costs solely would lead to an increase in average premiums charged of more than 1 per
- 68 cent for all insurance policies, subscription contracts or health care plans commencing on
- 69 inception or the next renewal date, based on the premium rating methodology and practices the
- 70 insurer, corporation or health maintenance organization employs; and
- 71 (iii) the commissioner of insurance approves the certification of the actuary.
- 72 (2) Notwithstanding the exemption allowed under paragraph (1) of this subsection, an insurer,
- corporation or health maintenance organization may elect to continue to provide coverage for
- habilitative or rehabilitative care required under this section.

- 75 SECTION 2. Chapter 175 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 47Z
- 76 the following section:-
- 77 Section 47AA. (a) As used in this section the following words shall, unless the context clearly
- 78 requires otherwise, have the following meanings:-
- "Actuary", a person who is a member of American Academy of Actuaries and meets Academy's
- 80 professional qualification standards for rendering an actuarial opinion related to health insurance
- 81 rate making,
- 82 "Applied behavior analysis", the design, implementation and evaluation of environmental
- 83 modifications, using behavioral stimuli and consequences, to produce socially significant
- 84 improvement in human behavior, including the use of direct observation, measurement and
- 85 functional analysis of the relationship between environment and behavior.
- 86 "Autism services provider", a person, entity or group that provides treatment of autism spectrum
- 87 disorders.
- 88 "Autism spectrum disorders", any of the Pervasive Developmental Disorders as defined by the
- 89 most recent edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, including
- 90 Autistic Disorder, Asperger's Disorder, and Pervasive Developmental Disorders Not Otherwise
- 91 Specified.
- 92 "Board certified behavior analyst", a behavior analyst credentialed by the Behavior Analyst
- 93 Certification Board as a board certified behavior analyst.
- "Diagnosis of autism spectrum disorders", medically necessary assessments, evaluations
- 95 including neuropsychological evaluations, genetic testing or other tests to diagnose whether an
- 96 individual has 1 of the autism spectrum disorders.
- 97 "Habilitative or rehabilitative care", professional, counseling and guidance services and
- treatment programs, including but not limited to, applied behavior analysis supervised by a board
- 99 certified behavior analyst, that are necessary to develop, maintain and restore, to the maximum
- extent practicable, the functioning of an individual.
- 101 "Pharmacy care", medications prescribed by a licensed physician and health-related services
- deemed medically necessary to determine the need or effectiveness of the medications, to the
- same extent that pharmacy care is provided by the policy for other medical conditions.

- "Psychiatric care", direct or consultative services provided by a psychiatrist licensed in the state
- in which the psychiatrist practices.
- "Psychological care", direct or consultative services provided by a psychologist licensed in the
- state in which the psychologist practices.
- "Therapeutic care", services provided by licensed or certified speech therapists, occupational
- therapists, physical therapists or social workers.
- "Treatment of Autism Spectrum Disorders", includes the following care prescribed, provided or
- ordered for an individual diagnosed with 1 of the autism spectrum disorders by a licensed
- physician or a licensed psychologist who determines the care to be medically necessary:
- habilitative or rehabilitative care; pharmacy care; psychiatric care; psychological care; and
- therapeutic care.
- (b) An individual policy of accident and sickness insurance issued pursuant to section 108 that
- provides hospital expense and surgical expense insurance and any group blanket or general
- policy of accident and sickness insurance issued pursuant to section 110 that provides hospital
- expense and surgical expense insurance, which is issued or renewed within or without the
- commonwealth, shall provide benefits on a nondiscriminatory basis to residents of the
- commonwealth and to all policyholders having a principal place of employment in the
- commonwealth for the diagnosis and treatment of Autism Spectrum Disorder in individuals.
- (c) Any such policy shall be in compliance with subsection (b) if the policy does not contain any
- annual or lifetime dollar or unit of service limitation on coverage for the diagnosis and treatment
- of Autism Spectrum Disorders which is less than any annual or lifetime dollar or unit of service
- limitation imposed on coverage for the diagnosis and treatment of physical conditions.
- 126 (d) This section shall not limit benefits that are otherwise available to an individual under a
- health insurance policy.
- (e) Coverage under this section shall not be subject to any limits on the number of visits an
- individual may make to an autism services provider.
- 130 (f) This section shall not affect any obligation to provide services to an individual under an
- individualized family service plan, an individualized education program or an individualized

- service plan. Services related to autism spectrum disorder provided by school personnel pursuant
- to an individualized education program are not subject to reimbursement under this section.
- 134 (g) An insurer, corporation or health maintenance organization shall be exempt from providing
- coverage for habilitative or rehabilitative care required under this section and not covered by the
- insurer, corporation or health maintenance organization as of December 31, 2010, if:
- 137 (1) an actuary, affiliated with the insurer, corporation or health maintenance organization
- certifies in writing to the commissioner of insurance that:
- (i) based on an analysis to be completed by each insurer, corporation or health maintenance
- organization for the most recent experience period of at least 1 year's duration, the costs
- associated with coverage of habilitative or rehabilitative care required under this section, and not
- 142 covered as of December 31, 2010, exceeded 1 per cent of the premiums charged over the
- experience period by the insurer, corporation or health maintenance organization;
- (ii) those costs solely would lead to an increase in average premiums charged of more than 1 per
- cent for all insurance policies, subscription contracts or health care plans commencing on
- inception or the next renewal date, based on the premium rating methodology and practices the
- insurer, corporation or health maintenance organization employs; and
- (iii) the commissioner of insurance approves the certification of the actuary.
- (2) Notwithstanding the exemption allowed under paragraph (1) of this subsection, an insurer,
- 150 corporation or health maintenance organization may elect to continue to provide coverage for
- 151 habilitative or rehabilitative care required under this section.
- 152 SECTION 3. Chapter 176A of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section
- 153 8CC the following section:-
- Section 8DD. (a) As used in this section the following words shall, unless the context clearly
- requires otherwise, have the following meanings:-
- "Actuary", a person who is a member of American Academy of Actuaries and meets Academy's
- professional qualification standards for rendering an actuarial opinion related to health insurance
- 158 rate making,

- "Applied behavior analysis", the design, implementation and evaluation of environmental
- modifications, using behavioral stimuli and consequences, to produce socially significant
- improvement in human behavior, including the use of direct observation, measurement and
- 162 functional analysis of the relationship between environment and behavior.
- "Autism services provider", a person, entity or group that provides treatment of autism spectrum
- disorders.
- "Autism spectrum disorders", any of the Pervasive Developmental Disorders as defined by the
- most recent edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, including
- Autistic Disorder, Asperger's Disorder, and Pervasive Developmental Disorders Not Otherwise
- 168 Specified.
- "Board certified behavior analyst", a behavior analyst credentialed by the Behavior Analyst
- 170 Certification Board as a board certified behavior analyst.
- "Diagnosis of autism spectrum disorders", medically necessary assessments, evaluations
- including neuropsychological evaluations, genetic testing or other tests to diagnose whether an
- individual has 1 of the autism spectrum disorders.
- "Habilitative or rehabilitative care", professional, counseling and guidance services and
- treatment programs, including but not limited to, applied behavior analysis supervised by a board
- certified behavior analyst, that are necessary to develop, maintain and restore, to the maximum
- extent practicable, the functioning of an individual.
- 178 "Pharmacy care", medications prescribed by a licensed physician and health-related services
- deemed medically necessary to determine the need or effectiveness of the medications, to the
- same extent that pharmacy care is provided by the contract for other medical conditions.
- "Psychiatric care", direct or consultative services provided by a psychiatrist licensed in the state
- in which the psychiatrist practices.
- "Psychological care", direct or consultative services provided by a psychologist licensed in the
- state in which the psychologist practices.
- "Therapeutic care", services provided by licensed or certified speech therapists, occupational
- therapists, physical therapists or social workers.

- 187 "Treatment of Autism Spectrum Disorders", includes the following care prescribed, provided or
- ordered for an individual diagnosed with 1 of the autism spectrum disorders by a licensed
- physician or a licensed psychologist who determines the care to be medically necessary:
- 190 habilitative or rehabilitative care; pharmacy care; psychiatric care; psychological care; and
- therapeutic care.
- 192 (b) A contract between a subscriber and the corporation under an individual or group hospital
- service plan which is issued or renewed within or without the commonwealth shall provide
- benefits on a nondiscriminatory basis to residents of the commonwealth and to all policyholders
- having a principal place of employment in the commonwealth for the diagnosis and treatment of
- 196 Autism Spectrum Disorder in individuals.
- 197 (c) Any such contract shall be in compliance with subsection (b) if the contract does not contain
- any annual or lifetime dollar or unit of service limitation on coverage for the diagnosis and
- treatment of Autism Spectrum Disorders which is less than any annual or lifetime dollar or unit
- of service limitation imposed on coverage for the diagnosis and treatment of physical conditions.
- 201 (d) This section shall not limit benefits that are otherwise available to an individual under a
- 202 health insurance policy.
- 203 (e) Coverage under this section shall not be subject to any limits on the number of visits an
- individual may make to an autism services provider.
- 205 (f) This section shall not affect any obligation to provide services to an individual under an
- 206 individualized family service plan, an individualized education program or an individualized
- service plan. Services related to autism spectrum disorder provided by school personnel pursuant
- to an individualized education program are not subject to reimbursement under this section.
- 209 (g) An insurer, corporation or health maintenance organization shall be exempt from providing
- 210 coverage for habilitative or rehabilitative care required under this section and not covered by the
- insurer, corporation or health maintenance organization as of December 31, 2010, if:
- 212 (1) an actuary, affiliated with the insurer, corporation or health maintenance organization
- 213 certifies in writing to the commissioner of insurance that:
- (i) based on an analysis to be completed by each insurer, corporation or health maintenance
- organization for the most recent experience period of at least 1 year's duration, the costs

- associated with coverage of habilitative or rehabilitative care required under this section, and not
- 217 covered as of December 31, 2010, exceeded 1 per cent of the premiums charged over the
- 218 experience period by the insurer, corporation or health maintenance organization;
- 219 (ii) those costs solely would lead to an increase in average premiums charged of more than 1 per
- 220 cent for all insurance policies, subscription contracts or health care plans commencing on
- inception or the next renewal date, based on the premium rating methodology and practices the
- insurer, corporation or health maintenance organization employs; and
- 223 (iii) the commissioner of insurance approves the certification of the actuary.
- 224 (2) Notwithstanding the exemption allowed under paragraph (1) of this subsection, an insurer,
- corporation or health maintenance organization may elect to continue to provide coverage for
- 226 habilitative or rehabilitative care required under this section.
- SECTION 4. Chapter 176B of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section
- 228 4CC the following section:-
- Section 4DD. (a) As used in this section the following words shall, unless the context clearly
- 230 requires otherwise, have the following meanings:-
- "Actuary", a person who is a member of American Academy of Actuaries and meets Academy's
- professional qualification standards for rendering an actuarial opinion related to health insurance
- 233 rate making,
- 234 "Applied behavior analysis", the design, implementation and evaluation of environmental
- 235 modifications, using behavioral stimuli and consequences, to produce socially significant
- improvement in human behavior, including the use of direct observation, measurement and
- functional analysis of the relationship between environment and behavior.
- "Autism services provider", a person, entity or group that provides treatment of autism spectrum
- 239 disorders.
- 240 "Autism spectrum disorders", any of the Pervasive Developmental Disorders as defined by the
- 241 most recent edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, including
- 242 Autistic Disorder, Asperger's Disorder, and Pervasive Developmental Disorders Not Otherwise
- 243 Specified.

244 "Board certified behavior analyst", a behavior analyst credentialed by the Behavior Analyst Certification Board as a board certified behavior analyst. 245 246 "Diagnosis of autism spectrum disorders", medically necessary assessments, evaluations including neuropsychological evaluations, genetic testing or other tests to diagnose whether an 247 individual has 1 of the autism spectrum disorders. 248 249 "Habilitative or rehabilitative care", professional, counseling and guidance services and 250 treatment programs, including but not limited to, applied behavior analysis supervised by a board certified behavior analyst, that are necessary to develop, maintain and restore, to the maximum 251 252 extent practicable, the functioning of an individual. "Pharmacy care", medications prescribed by a licensed physician and health-related services 253 254 deemed medically necessary to determine the need or effectiveness of the medications, to the 255 same extent that pharmacy care is provided by the certificate for other medical conditions. "Psychiatric care", direct or consultative services provided by a psychiatrist licensed in the state 256 257 in which the psychiatrist practices. "Psychological care", direct or consultative services provided by a psychologist licensed in the 258 259 state in which the psychologist practices. "Therapeutic care", services provided by licensed or certified speech therapists, occupational 260 therapists, physical therapists or social workers. 261 "Treatment of Autism Spectrum Disorders", includes the following care prescribed, provided or 262 ordered for an individual diagnosed with 1 of the autism spectrum disorders by a licensed 263 264 physician or a licensed psychologist who determines the care to be medically necessary: 265 habilitative or rehabilitative care; pharmacy care; psychiatric care; psychological care; and 266 therapeutic care. 267 (b) A subscription certificate under an individual or group medical service agreement which is

issued or renewed within or without the commonwealth shall provide benefits on a

nondiscriminatory basis to residents of the commonwealth and to all policyholders having a

principal place of employment in the commonwealth for the diagnosis and treatment of Autism

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- 272 (c) Any such certificate shall be in compliance with subsection (b) if the certificate does not
- 273 contain any annual or lifetime dollar or unit of service limitation on coverage for the diagnosis
- and treatment of Autism Spectrum Disorders which is less than any annual or lifetime dollar or
- 275 unit of service limitation imposed on coverage for the diagnosis and treatment of physical
- 276 conditions.
- 277 (d) This section shall not limit benefits that are otherwise available to an individual under a
- 278 health insurance policy.
- (e) Coverage under this section shall not be subject to any limits on the number of visits an
- individual may make to an autism services provider.
- 281 (f) This section shall not affect any obligation to provide services to an individual under an
- individualized family service plan, an individualized education program or an individualized
- service plan. Services related to autism spectrum disorder provided by school personnel pursuant
- 284 to an individualized education program are not subject to reimbursement under this section.
- 285 (g) An insurer, corporation or health maintenance organization shall be exempt from providing
- coverage for habilitative or rehabilitative care required under this section and not covered by the
- insurer, corporation or health maintenance organization as of December 31, 2010, if:
- 288 (1) an actuary, affiliated with the insurer, corporation or health maintenance organization
- 289 certifies in writing to the commissioner of insurance that:
- 290 (i) based on an analysis to be completed by each insurer, corporation or health maintenance
- organization for the most recent experience period of at least 1 year's duration, the costs
- associated with coverage of habilitative or rehabilitative care required under this section, and not
- 293 covered as of December 31, 2010, exceeded 1 per cent of the premiums charged over the
- 294 experience period by the insurer, corporation or health maintenance organization;
- 295 (ii) those costs solely would lead to an increase in average premiums charged of more than 1 per
- 296 cent for all insurance policies, subscription contracts or health care plans commencing on
- inception or the next renewal date, based on the premium rating methodology and practices the
- insurer, corporation or health maintenance organization employs; and
- 299 (iii) the commissioner of insurance approves the certification of the actuary.

- 300 (2) Notwithstanding the exemption allowed under paragraph (1) of this subsection, an insurer,
- 301 corporation or health maintenance organization may elect to continue to provide coverage for
- 302 habilitative or rehabilitative care required under this section.
- 303 SECTION 5. Chapter 176G of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 4U
- 304 the following section:-
- 305 Section 4V. (a) As used in this section the following words shall, unless the context clearly
- 306 requires otherwise, have the following meanings:-
- "Actuary", a person who is a member of American Academy of Actuaries and meets Academy's
- 308 professional qualification standards for rendering an actuarial opinion related to health insurance
- 309 rate making,
- 310 "Applied behavior analysis", the design, implementation and evaluation of environmental
- 311 modifications, using behavioral stimuli and consequences, to produce socially significant
- improvement in human behavior, including the use of direct observation, measurement and
- functional analysis of the relationship between environment and behavior.
- "Autism services provider", a person, entity or group that provides treatment of autism spectrum
- 315 disorders.
- "Autism spectrum disorders", any of the Pervasive Developmental Disorders as defined by the
- 317 most recent edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, including
- 318 Autistic Disorder, Asperger's Disorder, and Pervasive Developmental Disorders Not Otherwise
- 319 Specified.
- 320 "Board certified behavior analyst", a behavior analyst credentialed by the Behavior Analyst
- 321 Certification Board as a board certified behavior analyst.
- "Diagnosis of autism spectrum disorders", medically necessary assessments, evaluations
- 323 including neuropsychological evaluations, genetic testing or other tests to diagnose whether an
- individual has 1 of the autism spectrum disorders.
- 325 "Habilitative or rehabilitative care", professional, counseling and guidance services and
- 326 treatment programs, including but not limited to, applied behavior analysis supervised by a board
- certified behavior analyst, that are necessary to develop, maintain and restore, to the maximum
- extent practicable, the functioning of an individual.

- "Pharmacy care", medications prescribed by a licensed physician and health-related services deemed medically necessary to determine the need or effectiveness of the medications, to the same extent that pharmacy care is provided by the contract for other medical conditions.
- "Psychiatric care", direct or consultative services provided by a psychiatrist licensed in the state in which the psychiatrist practices.
- "Psychological care", direct or consultative services provided by a psychologist licensed in the state in which the psychologist practices.
- "Therapeutic care", services provided by licensed or certified speech therapists, occupationaltherapists, physical therapists or social workers.
- "Treatment of Autism Spectrum Disorders", includes the following care prescribed, provided or
 ordered for an individual diagnosed with 1 of the autism spectrum disorders by a licensed
 physician or a licensed psychologist who determines the care to be medically necessary:
 habilitative or rehabilitative care; pharmacy care; psychiatric care; psychological care; and
- therapeutic care.
- 343 (b) A health maintenance contract issued or renewed within or without the commonwealth shall 344 provide benefits on a nondiscriminatory basis to residents of the commonwealth and to all 345 policyholders having a principal place of employment in the commonwealth for the diagnosis 346 and treatment of Autism Spectrum Disorder in individuals.
- 347 (c) A health maintenance contract shall be in compliance with subsection (b) if the contract does 348 not contain any annual or lifetime dollar or unit of service limitation on coverage for the 349 diagnosis and treatment of Autism Spectrum Disorders which is less than any annual or lifetime 350 dollar or unit of service limitation imposed on coverage for the diagnosis and treatment of 351 physical conditions.
- 352 (d) This section shall not limit benefits that are otherwise available to an individual under a 353 health insurance policy.
- 354 (e) Coverage under this section shall not be subject to any limits on the number of visits an 355 individual may make to an autism services provider.
- 356 (f) This section shall not affect any obligation to provide services to an individual under an 357 individualized family service plan, an individualized education program or an individualized

- 358 service plan. Services related to autism spectrum disorder provided by school personnel pursuant
- to an individualized education program are not subject to reimbursement under this section.
- 360 (g) An insurer, corporation or health maintenance organization shall be exempt from providing
- 361 coverage for habilitative or rehabilitative care required under this section and not covered by the
- insurer, corporation or health maintenance organization as of December 31, 2010, if:
- 363 (1) an actuary, affiliated with the insurer, corporation or health maintenance organization
- 364 certifies in writing to the commissioner of insurance that:
- 365 (i) based on an analysis to be completed not more than once annually by each insurer,
- 366 corporation or health maintenance organization for the most recent experience period of at least 1
- year's duration, the costs associated with coverage of habilitative or rehabilitative care required
- under this section, and not covered as of December 31, 2010, exceeded 1 per cent of the
- premiums charged over the experience period by the insurer, corporation or health maintenance
- organization;
- 371 (ii) those costs solely would lead to an increase in average premiums charged of more than 1 per
- cent for all insurance policies, subscription contracts or health care plans commencing on
- inception or the next renewal date, based on the premium rating methodology and practices the
- insurer, corporation or health maintenance organization employs; and
- 375 (iii) the commissioner of insurance approves the certification of the actuary.
- 376 (2) Notwithstanding the exemption allowed under paragraph (1) of this subsection, an insurer,
- 377 corporation or health maintenance organization may elect to continue to provide coverage for
- 378 habilitative or rehabilitative care required under this section.
- 379 SECTION 6. All policies, contracts and certificates of health insurance subject to the provisions
- of section 25 of chapter 32A, section 47AA of chapter 175, section 8DD of chapter 176A,
- section 4CC of chapter 176B, and section 4V of chapter 176G of the General Laws which are
- delivered, issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2011 shall conform with the provisions of this
- act. Form filings implementing this act shall be subject to the approval of the commissioner of
- insurance.
- 385 SECTION 7. This act shall take effect on January 1, 2011.