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An Act To Require Health Insurance Coverage for Hearing Aids for Adults

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA §2762, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 452, §2, is amended to read:

3. Application of coverage. The requirements of subsection 2 apply to an individual:

A. From birth to 5 years of age, who is covered under a policy or contract that is issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2008;

B. From 6 to 13 years of age, who is covered under a policy or contract that is issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2009; and

C. From 14 to 18 years of age, who is covered under a policy or contract that is issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2010; and

D. Over 18 years of age, who is covered under a policy or contract that is issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2012.

Sec. 2. 24-A MRSA §2847-O, sub-§3, as reallocated by PL 2007, c. 695, Pt. A, §29, is amended to read:

3. Application of coverage. The requirements of subsection 2 apply to an individual:

A. From birth to 5 years of age, who is covered under a policy, contract or certificate that is issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2008;

B. From 6 to 13 years of age, who is covered under a policy, contract or certificate that is issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2009; and

C. From 14 to 18 years of age, who is covered under a policy, contract or certificate that is issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2010; and

D. Over 18 years of age, who is covered under a policy, contract or certificate that is issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2012.

Sec. 3. 24-A MRSA §4255, sub-§3, as reallocated by PL 2007, c. 695, Pt. A, §30, is amended to read:

3. Application of coverage. The requirements of subsection 2 apply to an individual:

A. From birth to 5 years of age, who is covered under a contract that is issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2008;

B. From 6 to 13 years of age, who is covered under a contract that is issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2009; and

C. From 14 to 18 years of age, who is covered under a contract that is issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2010; and

D. Over 18 years of age, who is covered under a contract that is issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2012.

Sec. 4. Exemption from review. Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 24A, section 2752, this Act is enacted without review and evaluation by the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Bureau of Insurance.

Sec. 5. Application. The requirements of this Act apply to all policies, contracts and certificates executed, delivered, issued for delivery, continued or renewed in this State on or after January 1, 2012. For the purposes of this Act, all contracts are deemed to be renewed no later than the next yearly anniversary of the contract date.

SUMMARY

This bill requires health insurance coverage of hearing aids for persons over 18 years of age.