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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2020

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RELATING TO INSURANCE -- PRESCRIPTIONS

Introduced By: Representatives Diaz, O'Brien, Azzinaro, Kennedy, and Shekarchi

Date Introduced: February 12, 2020

Referred To: House Health, Education & Welfare

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1   SECTION 1. Chapter 27-20.8 of the General Laws entitled "Prescription Drug Benefits"

2   is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3   **27-20.8-3. Co-pay cap for prescription insulin.**

4   (a) As used in this section, unless the context otherwise requires, "prescription insulin

5   drug" means a prescription drug, as defined in § 21-31-2, that contains insulin and is used to treat

6   diabetes.

7   (b) A carrier that provides coverage for prescription insulin drugs pursuant to the terms of

8   a health coverage plan the carrier offers shall cap the total amount that a covered person is

9   required to pay for a covered prescription insulin drug at an amount not to exceed fifty dollars

10 ($50.00), per thirty (30) day supply of medically necessary insulin.

11 (c) Nothing in this section prevents a carrier from reducing a covered person's cost

12 sharing to an amount less than the amount specified in subsection (b) of this section.

13 (d) The health insurance commissioner may use any of their enforcement powers to

14 obtain a carrier's compliance with this section.

15 (e) The commissioner may promulgate rules as necessary to implement and administer

16 this section and to align with federal requirements.

1   SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on January 1, 2021.

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EXPLANATION

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1   This act would limit health insurance carriers that provide coverage for prescription

2   insulin drugs used to treat diabetes to fifty ($50.00) dollars copayment for a thirty (30) day supply

3   of medically necessary insulin.

4   This act would take effect on January 1, 2021.

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