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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2024

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RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES

Introduced By: Representatives Tanzi, Donovan, Henries, Morales, Potter, Alzate, Felix,
Fogarty, Diaz, and J. Lombardi

Date Introduced: March 04, 2024

Referred To: House Health & Human Services

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

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

3 **27-18-95. Acute mental health crisis mobile response and stabilization services.**

4 (a) Mobile response and stabilization services are services delivered to provide rapid
5 response to, assessment of, and early intervention for individuals experiencing an acute mental
6 health crisis. Symptoms might include, but are not limited to:

7 (1) Aggression;

8 (2) Self-injury;

9 (3) Trauma;

10 (4) Acute depression/anxiety;

11 (5) Challenges at school;

12 (6) Suicidal or homicidal thoughts/behaviors; and

13 (7) Extreme parent/child conflict.

14 (b) Coverage is required under this section for mobile response and stabilization services
15 provided to any individual enrolled as a plan beneficiary as with any other behavioral health
16 services covered in any other settings or modalities, regardless of any difference in billing codes.

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

19 **27-19-87. Acute mental health crisis mobile response and stabilization services.**

1 (a) Mobile response and stabilization services are services delivered to provide rapid
2 response to, assessment of, and early intervention for individuals experiencing an acute mental
3 health crisis. Symptoms might include, but are not limited to:

4 (1) Aggression;

5 (2) Self-injury;

6 (3) Trauma;

7 (4) Acute depression/anxiety;

8 (5) Challenges at school;

9 (6) Suicidal or homicidal thoughts/behaviors; and

10 (7) Extreme parent/child conflict.

11 (b) Coverage is required under this section for mobile response and stabilization services
12 provided to any individual enrolled as a plan beneficiary as with any other behavioral health
13 services covered in any other settings or modalities, regardless of any difference in billing codes.

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

16 **27-20-83. Acute mental health crisis mobile response and stabilization services.**

17 (a) Mobile response and stabilization services are services delivered to provide rapid
18 response to, assessment of, and early intervention for individuals experiencing an acute mental
19 health crisis. Symptoms might include, but are not limited to:

20 (1) Aggression;

21 (2) Self-injury;

22 (3) Trauma;

23 (4) Acute depression/anxiety;

24 (5) Challenges at school;

25 (6) Suicidal or homicidal thoughts/behaviors; and

26 (7) Extreme parent/child conflict.

27 (b) Coverage is required under this section for mobile response and stabilization services
28 provided to any individual enrolled as a plan beneficiary as with any other behavioral health
29 services covered in any other settings or modalities, regardless of any difference in billing codes.

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

32 **27-41-100. Acute mental health crisis mobile response and stabilization services.**

33 (a) Mobile response and stabilization services are services delivered to provide rapid
34 response to, assessment of, and early intervention for individuals experiencing an acute mental

1 health crisis. Symptoms might include, but are not limited to:

2 (1) Aggression;

3 (2) Self-injury;

4 (3) Trauma;

5 (4) Acute depression/anxiety;

6 (5) Challenges at school;

7 (6) Suicidal or homicidal thoughts/behaviors; and

8 (7) Extreme parent/child conflict.

9 (b) Coverage is required under this section for mobile response and stabilization services
10 provided to any individual enrolled as a plan beneficiary as with any other behavioral health
11 services covered in any other settings or modalities, regardless of any difference in billing codes.

12 SECTION 5. This act shall take effect on January 1, 2025.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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1 This act would require coverage for acute mental health crisis mobile response and
2 stabilization services to any individual enrolled as a plan beneficiary.

3 This act would take effect on January 1, 2025.

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