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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021**

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**RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES**

Introduced By: Senators DiMario, Kallman, Euer, Goldin, and Valverde

Date Introduced: March 04, 2021

Referred To: Senate 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           **27-18-85. Coverage for backup batteries for at-home medical devices.**

4           Every individual or group health insurance contract, plan, or policy contract delivered,  
5 issued for delivery, or renewed in this state on or after January 1, 2022, shall provide coverage for  
6 a backup battery for at-home medical devices. This backup battery shall be of equal or greater  
7 quality than the original battery provided by the at-home medical device manufacturer or of equal  
8 or greater quality than the battery the at-home medical device manufacturer recommends.

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

11           **27-19-77. Coverage for backup batteries for at-home medical devices.**

12           Every individual or group health insurance contract, plan, or policy contract delivered,  
13 issued for delivery, or renewed in this state on or after January 1, 2022, shall provide coverage for  
14 a backup battery for at-home medical devices. This backup battery shall be of equal or greater  
15 quality than the original battery provided by the at-home medical device manufacturer or of equal  
16 or greater quality than the battery the at-home medical device manufacturer recommends.

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

19           **27-20-73. Coverage for backup batteries for at-home medical devices.**

1           Every individual or group health insurance contract, plan, or policy contract delivered,  
2 issued for delivery, or renewed in this state on or after January 1, 2022, shall provide coverage for  
3 a backup battery for at-home medical devices. This backup battery shall be of equal or greater  
4 quality than the original battery provided by the at-home medical device manufacturer or of equal  
5 or greater quality than the battery the at-home medical device manufacturer recommends.

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

8           **27-41-90. Coverage for backup batteries for at-home medical devices.**

9           Every individual or group health insurance contract, plan, delivered, issued for delivery, or  
10 renewed in this state on or after January 1, 2022, shall provide coverage for a backup battery for  
11 at-home medical devices. This backup battery shall be of equal or greater quality than the original  
12 battery provided by the at-home medical device manufacturer or of equal or greater quality than  
13 the battery the at-home medical device manufacturer recommends.

14           SECTION 5. This act shall take effect on January 1, 2022.

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would require health insurance contract plans or policies to provide coverage for  
2 a backup battery for at-home medical devices, equal to or greater in quality than the original backup  
3 battery provided by the device manufacturer.

4           This act would take effect on January 1, 2022.

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