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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the reimbursement of clinical social workers
2 under a policy or contract providing for third-party payment
3 or prepayment of health or medical expenses.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 514C.13 REIMBURSEMENT FOR
2 CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKERS.

3 1. Notwithstanding the uniformity of treatment
4 requirements of section 514C.6, a policy or contract providing
5 for third-party payment or prepayment of health or medical
6 expenses shall provide coverage benefits for the costs
7 associated with mental health services provided by a licensed
8 social worker pursuant to chapter 154C.

9 2. This section applies to the following classes of third-
10 party payment provider contracts or policies delivered, issued
11 for delivery, continued, or renewed in this state on or after
12 July 1, 1997:

13 a. Individual or group accident and sickness insurance
14 providing coverage on an expense-incurred basis.

15 b. An individual or group hospital or medical service
16 contract issued pursuant to chapter 509, 514, or 514A.

17 c. An individual or group health maintenance organization
18 contract regulated under chapter 514B.

19 d. An individual or group Medicare supplemental policy,
20 unless coverage pursuant to such policy is preempted by
21 federal law.

22 e. An organized delivery system licensed by the director
23 of public health.

24 EXPLANATION

25 This bill provides that a third-party payor of health or
26 medical expenses shall provide coverage benefits to an insured
27 or enrollee for the costs associated with mental health
28 services provided by a licensed social worker pursuant to
29 chapter 154C.

30 This bill provides that the section applies to the third-
31 party payor contracts or policies delivered, issued for
32 delivery, continued, or renewed in this state on or after July
33 1, 1997, by an individual or group accident and sickness
34 insurance providing coverage on an expense-incurred basis; an
35 individual or group hospital or medical service contract

1 issued pursuant to chapter 509, 514, or 514A; an individual or
2 group health maintenance organization contract regulated under
3 chapter 514B; an individual or group Medicare supplemental
4 policy, unless coverage pursuant to such policy is preempted
5 by federal law; and an organized delivery system licensed by
6 the director of public health.

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