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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to third-party payment of health care coverage  
2 costs for social anxiety disorder.

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

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 514C.19 SOCIAL ANXIETY DISORDER  
2 COVERAGE.

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 which provides coverage benefits for the treatment of  
7 mental illness shall provide coverage benefits for the  
8 treatment of social anxiety disorder.

9 2. For purposes of this section, "social anxiety disorder"  
10 means a condition that satisfies the criteria for generalized  
11 social phobia set forth in the most recent edition of the  
12 American psychiatric association's diagnostic and statistical  
13 manual of mental disorders, as such definitions may be amended  
14 from time to time. The commissioner, by rule, shall define  
15 social anxiety disorder consistent with the manual, and may  
16 adopt the definition provided in the manual by reference.

17 3. a. This section applies to the following classes of  
18 third-party payment provider contracts or policies delivered,  
19 issued for delivery, continued, or renewed in this state on or  
20 after July 1, 2000:

21 (1) Individual or group accident and sickness insurance  
22 providing coverage on an expense-incurred basis.

23 (2) An individual or group hospital or medical service  
24 contract issued pursuant to chapter 509, 514, or 514A.

25 (3) An individual or group health maintenance organization  
26 contract regulated under chapter 514B.

27 (4) Any other entity engaged in the business of insurance,  
28 risk transfer, or risk retention, which is subject to the  
29 jurisdiction of the commissioner.

30 (5) A plan established pursuant to chapter 509A for public  
31 employees.

32 (6) An organized delivery system licensed by the director  
33 of public health.

34 b. This section shall not apply to accident only,  
35 specified disease, short-term hospital or medical, hospital

1 confinement indemnity, credit, dental, vision, Medicare  
2 supplement, long-term care, basic hospital and medical-  
3 surgical expense coverage as defined by the commissioner,  
4 disability income insurance coverage, coverage issued as a  
5 supplement to liability insurance, workers' compensation or  
6 similar insurance, or automobile medical payment insurance.

7 EXPLANATION

8 This bill creates new Code section 514C.19 and provides  
9 that a group policy or contract providing for third-party  
10 payment or prepayment of health or medical expenses which  
11 provides coverage benefits for the treatment of mental illness  
12 shall provide coverage benefits for the treatment of social  
13 anxiety.

14 The bill defines "social anxiety disorder" as a condition  
15 that satisfies the criteria for generalized social phobia set  
16 forth in the most recent edition of the American psychiatric  
17 association's diagnostic and statistical manual of mental  
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23 to third-party payment provider contracts or policies  
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