

House Study Bill 141

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring health care benefit coverage for certain
2 medically necessary prosthetic devices and providing an
3 applicability date.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 514C.24 COVERAGE FOR PROSTHETIC
1 2 DEVICES.
1 3 1. Notwithstanding the uniformity of treatment
1 4 requirements of section 514C.6, a policy, contract, or plan
1 5 providing for third-party payment or prepayment of health or
1 6 medical expenses shall provide coverage benefits for medically
1 7 necessary prosthetic devices when prescribed by a physician
1 8 licensed under chapter 148. Such coverage benefits for
1 9 medically necessary prosthetic devices shall provide coverage
1 10 for medically necessary prosthetic devices, that at a minimum,
1 11 equals the coverage and payment for medically necessary
1 12 prosthetic devices provided under the most recent federal laws
1 13 for health insurance for the aged and disabled pursuant to 42
1 14 U.S.C. } 1395k, 1395l, and 1395m, and 42 C.F.R. } 410.100,
1 15 414.202, 414.210, and 414.228, as applicable. For the
1 16 purposes of this section, "prosthetic device" means an
1 17 artificial limb device to replace, in whole or in part, an arm
1 18 or leg.
1 19 2. a. This section applies to the following classes of
1 20 third-party payment provider policies, contracts, or plans
1 21 delivered, issued for delivery, continued, or renewed in this
1 22 state on or after July 1, 2009:
1 23 (1) Individual or group accident and sickness insurance
1 24 providing coverage on an expense-incurred basis.
1 25 (2) An individual or group hospital or medical service
1 26 contract issued pursuant to chapter 509, 514, or 514A.
1 27 (3) An individual or group health maintenance organization
1 28 contract regulated under chapter 514B.
1 29 (4) A plan established pursuant to chapter 509A for public
1 30 employees.
1 31 (5) An organized delivery system licensed by the director
1 32 of public health.
1 33 b. This section shall not apply to accident only,
1 34 specified disease, short-term hospital or medical, hospital
1 35 confinement indemnity, credit, dental, vision, Medicare
2 1 supplement, long-term care, basic hospital and medical=
2 2 surgical expense coverage as defined by the commissioner,
2 3 disability income insurance coverage, coverage issued as a
2 4 supplement to liability insurance, workers' compensation or
2 5 similar insurance, or automobile medical payment insurance.

EXPLANATION

2 7 This bill provides that despite the uniformity of treatment
2 8 requirements of Code section 514C.6, an individual or group
2 9 policy, contract, or plan providing for third-party payments
2 10 of health or medical expenses is required to provide coverage
2 11 benefits for medically necessary prosthetic devices, that at a
2 12 minimum, equals the coverage and payment for medically
2 13 necessary prosthetic devices that is provided for under the
2 14 most recent federal laws for health insurance for the aged and
2 15 disabled. The bill applies to such policies, contracts, or
2 16 plans delivered, issued for delivery, continued, or renewed in
2 17 this state on or after July 1, 2009.

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