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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to third-party payment of services provided by
2 physical therapists and occupational therapists.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 514C.30 Services provided by a
2 physical therapist.

3 1. Notwithstanding the uniformity of treatment requirements
4 of section 514C.6, a policy, contract, or plan providing
5 for third-party payment or prepayment of health or medical
6 expenses shall not impose a copayment or coinsurance amount
7 on an insured for services provided by a physical therapist
8 licensed pursuant to chapter 148A or by an occupational
9 therapist licensed pursuant to chapter 148B that is greater
10 than the copayment or coinsurance amount imposed on the insured
11 for services provided by a person engaged in the practice of
12 medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery under
13 chapter 148 for the same or a similar diagnosed condition even
14 if a different nomenclature is used to describe the condition
15 for which the services are provided.

16 2. This section applies to the following classes of
17 third-party payment provider policies, contracts, or plans
18 delivered, issued for delivery, continued, or renewed in this
19 state on or after July 1, 2014:

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

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

24 c. An individual or group health maintenance organization
25 contract regulated under chapter 514B.

26 d. A plan established pursuant to chapter 509A for public
27 employees.

28 e. An organized delivery system licensed by the director of
29 public health.

30 3. This section shall not apply to accident-only,
31 specified disease, short-term hospital or medical, hospital
32 confinement indemnity, credit, dental, vision, Medicare
33 supplement, long-term care, basic hospital and medical-surgical
34 expense coverage as defined by the commissioner, disability
35 income insurance coverage, coverage issued as a supplement

1 to liability insurance, workers' compensation or similar
2 insurance, or automobile medical payment insurance.

3 EXPLANATION

4 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
5 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

6 This bill provides that a policy, contract, or plan
7 providing for third-party payment or prepayment of health or
8 medical expenses shall not impose a copayment or coinsurance
9 amount on an insured for services provided by a physical
10 therapist or occupational therapist that is greater than the
11 copayment or coinsurance amount imposed on the insured for
12 services rendered by a person engaged in the practice of
13 medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery for
14 the same or a similar diagnosed condition even if a different
15 nomenclature is used to describe the condition for which the
16 services are provided.

17 The bill applies to specified individual and group policies,
18 contracts, and plans that are issued for delivery, continued,
19 or renewed in this state on or after July 1, 2014.