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SENATE BILL 633

54TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2019

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AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH COVERAGE; ENACTING SECTIONS OF THE HEALTH CARE PURCHASING ACT, THE NEW MEXICO INSURANCE CODE, THE HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION LAW AND THE NONPROFIT HEALTH CARE PLAN LAW TO ESTABLISH LIMITS ON COST SHARING AND COINSURANCE FOR THE SERVICES OF DOCTORS OF ORIENTAL MEDICINE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. A new section of the Health Care Purchasing Act is enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] ORIENTAL MEDICINE--LIMITS ON COST SHARING AND COINSURANCE.--

A. Group health coverage, including any form of self-insurance, offered, issued or renewed under the Health Care Purchasing Act that offers coverage of the services of a doctor of oriental medicine shall not impose a copayment or

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1 coinsurance on those services that exceeds the copayment or
2 coinsurance imposed for primary care services.

3 B. As used in this section, "primary care services"
4 means the first level of basic or general health care for a
5 person's health needs, including diagnostic and treatment
6 services, initiation of referrals for other health care
7 services and maintenance of the continuity of care when
8 appropriate."

9 SECTION 2. A new section of Chapter 59A, Article 22 NMSA
10 1978 is enacted to read:

11 "[NEW MATERIAL] ORIENTAL MEDICINE--LIMITS ON COST SHARING
12 AND COINSURANCE.--

13 A. An individual or group health insurance policy,
14 health care plan or certificate of health insurance that is
15 delivered, issued for delivery or renewed in this state that
16 offers coverage of the services of a doctor of oriental
17 medicine shall not impose a copayment or coinsurance on those
18 services that exceeds the copayment or coinsurance imposed for
19 primary care services.

20 B. As used in this section, "primary care services"
21 means the first level of basic or general health care for a
22 person's health needs, including diagnostic and treatment
23 services, initiation of referrals for other health care
24 services and maintenance of the continuity of care when
25 appropriate."

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1 SECTION 3. A new section of Chapter 59A, Article 23 NMSA
2 1978 is enacted to read:

3 "[NEW MATERIAL] ORIENTAL MEDICINE--LIMITS ON COST SHARING
4 AND COINSURANCE.--

5 A. A group or blanket health insurance policy,
6 health care plan or certificate of health insurance that is
7 delivered, issued for delivery or renewed in this state that
8 offers coverage of the services of a doctor of oriental
9 medicine shall not impose a copayment or coinsurance on those
10 services that exceeds the copayment or coinsurance imposed for
11 primary care services.

12 B. As used in this section, "primary care services"
13 means the first level of basic or general health care for a
14 person's health needs, including diagnostic and treatment
15 services, initiation of referrals for other health care
16 services and maintenance of the continuity of care when
17 appropriate."

18 SECTION 4. A new section of the Health Maintenance
19 Organization Law is enacted to read:

20 "[NEW MATERIAL] ORIENTAL MEDICINE--LIMITS ON COST SHARING
21 AND COINSURANCE.--

22 A. An individual or group health maintenance
23 contract that is delivered, issued for delivery or renewed in
24 this state that offers coverage of the services of a doctor of
25 oriental medicine shall not impose a copayment or coinsurance

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1 on those services that exceeds the copayment or coinsurance
2 imposed for primary care services.

3 B. As used in this section, "primary care services"
4 means the first level of basic or general health care for a
5 person's health needs, including diagnostic and treatment
6 services, initiation of referrals for other health care
7 services and maintenance of the continuity of care when
8 appropriate."

9 SECTION 5. A new section of the Nonprofit Health Care
10 Plan Law is enacted to read:

11 "[NEW MATERIAL] ORIENTAL MEDICINE--LIMITS ON COST SHARING
12 AND COINSURANCE.--

13 A. An individual or group health care plan that is
14 delivered, issued for delivery or renewed in this state that
15 offers coverage of the services of a doctor of oriental
16 medicine shall not impose a copayment or coinsurance on those
17 services that exceeds the copayment or coinsurance imposed for
18 primary care services.

19 B. As used in this section, "primary care services"
20 means the first level of basic or general health care for a
21 person's health needs, including diagnostic and treatment
22 services, initiation of referrals for other health care
23 services and maintenance of the continuity of care when
24 appropriate."