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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE, APRIL 8, 2022

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of May 17, 1921 (P.L.682, No.284), entitled "An
2 act relating to insurance; amending, revising, and
3 consolidating the law providing for the incorporation of
4 insurance companies, and the regulation, supervision, and
5 protection of home and foreign insurance companies, Lloyds
6 associations, reciprocal and inter-insurance exchanges, and
7 fire insurance rating bureaus, and the regulation and
8 supervision of insurance carried by such companies,
9 associations, and exchanges, including insurance carried by
10 the State Workmen's Insurance Fund; providing penalties; and
11 repealing existing laws," in casualty insurance, providing
12 for peripartum cardiomyopathy diagnostic testing coverage.

13 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
14 hereby enacts as follows:

15 Section 1. The act of May 17, 1921 (P.L.682, No.284), known
16 as The Insurance Company Law of 1921, is amended by adding a
17 section to read:

18 Section 635.8. Peripartum Cardiomyopathy Diagnostic Testing
19 Coverage.--(a) A health insurance policy covered under this
20 section that is offered, issued or renewed in this Commonwealth
21 after the effective date of this section shall include coverage
22 and waive cost-sharing requirements for services related to the

1 diagnosis of peripartum cardiomyopathy, including, but not
2 limited to, the following:

3 (1) Blood tests, including the following:

4 (i) Brain natriuretic peptide tests.

5 (ii) N-terminal pro b-type natriuretic peptide tests.

6 (iii) Urea nitrogen test.

7 (iv) Creatinine tests.

8 (v) Serum electrolyte tests.

9 (vi) Cardiac enzyme tests.

10 (vii) Liver function tests, including tests to measure the
11 following:

12 (A) Alanine transaminase.

13 (B) Aspartate transaminase.

14 (C) Alkaline phosphatase.

15 (D) Albumin and total protein.

16 (E) Bilirubin.

17 (F) Gamma-glutamyltransferase.

18 (G) L-lactate dehydrogenase.

19 (H) Prothrombin time.

20 (2) Medical imaging, including the following:

21 (i) Echocardiography.

22 (ii) Cardiac magnetic resonance imaging.

23 (3) Endomyocardial biopsy.

24 (4) Chest radiography.

25 (5) Electrocardiogram.

26 (6) Consultation services, including the delivery of
27 services remotely via telehealth.

28 (7) Blood pressure monitors, including a blood pressure
29 cuff.

30 (8) Pulse oximetry.

1 (9) Medication for the treatment of peripartum
2 cardiomyopathy.

3 (10) Contraception.

4 (b) As used in this section, the following words and phrases
5 shall have the meanings given to them in this subsection unless
6 the context clearly indicates otherwise:

7 "Health insurance policy." The following:

8 (1) An individual or group health insurance policy,
9 subscriber contract, certificate or plan that provides medical
10 or health care coverage by any health care facility or licensed
11 health care provider on an expense-incurred service or prepaid
12 basis and that is offered by or is governed under any of the
13 following:

14 (i) This act, including section 630.

15 (ii) Subdivision (f) of Article IV of the act of June 13,
16 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the "Human Services Code."

17 (iii) The act of December 29, 1972 (P.L.1701, No.364), known
18 as the "Health Maintenance Organization Act."

19 (iv) 40 Pa.C.S. Chs. 61 (relating to hospital plan
20 corporations) and 63 (relating to professional health services
21 plan corporations).

22 (v) The children's health insurance program under Article
23 XXIII-A.

24 (2) The term does not include the following types of
25 policies:

26 (i) Accident only.

27 (ii) Credit only.

28 (iii) Specified disease.

29 (iv) Medicare supplement.

30 (v) Tricare, including Civilian Health and Medical Program

1 of the Uniformed Services (CHAMPUS) supplement.

2 (vi) Fixed indemnity.

3 (vii) Dental only.

4 (viii) Vision only.

5 (ix) Workers' compensation.

6 (x) Automobile medical payment under 75 Pa.C.S. (relating to
7 vehicles).

8 "Telehealth." The delivery of health care services provided
9 through telehealth technologies to a patient by a health care
10 provider who is at a different location. The term does not
11 include a provider-to-provider consultation.

12 "Telehealth technologies." As follows:

13 (1) Electronic information and telecommunications
14 technology, including, but not limited to, interactive audio and
15 video, remote patient monitoring or store-and-forward, that
16 meets the requirements of the Health Insurance Portability and
17 Accountability Act of 1996 (Public Law 104-191, 110 Stat. 1936),
18 the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical
19 Health Act (Public Law 111-5, 123 Stat. 226-279 and 467-496) or
20 other applicable Federal or State law.

21 (2) The term does not include the use of:

22 (i) Audio-only medium, voicemail, facsimile, email, instant
23 messaging, text messaging or online questionnaire or any
24 combination thereof.

25 (ii) A telephone call, except in circumstances where the
26 provider may utilize interactive audio without the requirement
27 of interactive video if it is used in conjunction with store
28 and-forward technology and, after access and review of the
29 patient's medical records, the provider determines that the
30 provider is able to meet the same standards of care as if the

1 health care services were provided in person and the patient is
2 informed that the patient has the option to request interactive
3 audio and video.

4 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.