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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2010

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RELATING TO INSURANCE

Introduced By: Senators C Levesque, Miller, Perry, Pichardo, and Sheehan

Date Introduced: February 11, 2010

Referred To: Senate Health & Human Services

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 27-20 of the General Laws entitled "Nonprofit Medical Service
2 Corporations" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **27-20-57. Primary care physician designation requirement.** – Every individual or
4 group health insurance contract, or every individual or group hospital or medical expense
5 insurance policy, plan, or group policy delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed in this state on
6 or after January 1, 2011, shall require that the insured designate his or her primary care physician
7 and the insurer shall collect the designation from the insured and place the name of the primary
8 care physician or primary care practice on the card issued to the insured as evidence of insurance.
9 For purposes of this section, “primary care physician” or “primary care practice” means the
10 physician or practice considered by the insured to be his or her usual source of medical care.

11 SECTION 2. Chapter 27-19 of the General Laws entitled "Nonprofit Hospital Service
12 Corporations" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

13 **27-19-62. Primary care physician designation requirement.** – Every individual or
14 group health insurance contract, or every individual or group hospital or medical expense
15 insurance policy, plan, or group policy delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed in this state on
16 or after January 1, 2011, shall require that the insured designate his or her primary care physician
17 and the insurer shall collect the designation from the insured and place the name of the primary
18 care physician or primary care practice on the card issued to the insured as evidence of insurance.
19 For purposes of this section, “primary care physician” or “primary care practice” means the

1 physician or practice considered by the insured to be his or her usual source of medical care.

2 SECTION 3. Chapter 27-18 of the General Laws entitled "Accident and Sickness
3 Insurance Policies" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

4 **27-18-71. Primary care physician designation requirement.** -- Every individual or
5 group health insurance contract, or every individual or group hospital or medical expense
6 insurance policy, plan, or group policy delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed in this state on
7 or after January 1, 2011, shall require that the insured designate his or her primary care physician
8 and the insurer shall collect the designation from the insured and place the name of the primary
9 care physician or primary care practice on the card issued to the insured as evidence of insurance.
10 For purposes of this section, "primary care physician" or "primary care practice" means the
11 physician or practice considered by the insured to be his or her usual source of medical care.

12 SECTION 4. Chapter 27-41 of the General Laws entitled "Health Maintenance
13 Organizations" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

14 **27-41-75. Primary care physician designation requirement.** -- Every individual or
15 group health insurance contract, or every individual or group hospital or medical expense
16 insurance policy, plan, or group policy delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed in this state on
17 or after January 1, 2011, shall require that the insured designate his or her primary care physician
18 and the insurer shall collect the designation from the insured and place the name of the primary
19 care physician or primary care practice on the card issued to the insured as evidence of insurance.
20 For purposes of this section, "primary care physician" or "primary care practice" means the
21 physician or practice considered by the insured to be his or her usual source of medical care.

22 SECTION 5. The health insurance commissioner is authorized to promulgate regulations
23 to implement this act.

24 SECTION 6. This act shall take effect on January 1, 2011.

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would require an insured to designate his or her primary care physician.
- 2 This act would take effect on January 1, 2011.

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