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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2010

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RELATING TO INSURANCE - ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES

Introduced By: Senator Erin P. Lynch

Date Introduced: March 04, 2010

Referred To: Senate Health & Human Services

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 27-18 of the General Laws entitled "Accident and Sickness
2 Insurance Policies" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **27-18-71. Patient Wellness Promotion.** – [No health insurance plan offered for sale in](#)
4 [Rhode Island shall require a patient co-payment for a routine preventative health care visit to the](#)
5 [patient's primary care physician. The director of the department of business regulation shall](#)
6 [promulgate rules and regulations necessary to implement this section.](#)

7 SECTION 2. Chapter 27-18.5 of the General Laws entitled "Individual Health Insurance
8 Coverage" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

9 **27-18.5-10. Patient Wellness Promotion.** – [No health insurance plan offered for sale in](#)
10 [Rhode Island shall require a patient co-payment for a routine preventative health care visit to the](#)
11 [patient's primary care physician. The director of the department of business regulation shall](#)
12 [promulgate rules and regulations necessary to implement this section.](#)

13 SECTION 3. Chapter 27-19 of the General Laws entitled "Nonprofit Hospital Service
14 Corporations" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

15 **27-19-62. Patient Wellness Promotion.** – [No health insurance plan offered for sale in](#)
16 [Rhode Island shall require a patient co-payment for a routine preventative health care visit to the](#)
17 [patient's primary care physician. The director of the department of business regulation shall](#)
18 [promulgate rules and regulations necessary to implement this section.](#)

19 SECTION 4. Chapter 27-20 of the General Laws entitled "Nonprofit Medical Service

1 Corporations" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

2 **27-20-57. Patient Wellness Promotion.** – No health insurance plan offered for sale in
3 Rhode Island shall require a patient co-payment for a routine preventative health care visit to the
4 patient’s primary care physician. The director of the department of business regulation shall
5 promulgate rules and regulations necessary to implement this section.

6 SECTION 5. Chapter 27-41 of the General Laws entitled "Health Maintenance
7 Organizations" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

8 **27-41-75. Patient Wellness Promotion.** – No health insurance plan offered for sale in
9 Rhode Island shall require a patient co-payment for a routine preventative health care visit to the
10 patient’s primary care physician. The director of the department of business regulation shall
11 promulgate rules and regulations necessary to implement this section.

12 SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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- 1 This act would prevent health insurers from charging a co-pay for preventative healthcare
- 2 visits to a patient's primary care physician.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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