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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2016

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A N A C T

RELATING TO INSURANCE

Introduced By: Senator V. Susan Sosnowski

Date Introduced: March 10, 2016

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 **27-18-82. Telemedicine services.** – Every group health insurance contract, plan, or  
4 group policy delivered, issued for delivery or renewed in this state which provides medical  
5 coverage, and every group policy which provides for treatment of persons for the prevention,  
6 cure, or correction of any illness or physical or mental condition shall provide coverage for the  
7 use of telecommunication and information technologies utilized to provide clinical health care for  
8 subscribers who reside on islands located within the state that are not connected to the mainland  
9 by any bridge or other structure.

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

12 **27-19-73. Telemedicine services.** -- Every group health insurance contract, plan, or  
13 group policy delivered, issued for delivery or renewed in this state which provides medical  
14 coverage, and every group policy which provides for treatment of persons for the prevention,  
15 cure, or correction of any illness or physical or mental condition shall provide coverage for the  
16 use of telecommunication and information technologies utilized to provide clinical health care for  
17 subscribers who reside on islands located within the state that are not connected to the mainland  
18 by any bridge or other structure.

19 SECTION 3. Chapter 27-20 of the General Laws entitled "Nonprofit Medical Service

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

2 **27-20-69. Telemedicine services.** -- Every group health insurance contract, plan, or  
3 group policy delivered, issued for delivery or renewed in this state which provides medical  
4 coverage, and every group policy which provides for treatment of persons for the prevention,  
5 cure, or correction of any illness or physical or mental condition shall provide coverage for the  
6 use of telecommunication and information technologies utilized to provide clinical health care for  
7 subscribers who reside on islands located within the state that are not connected to the mainland  
8 by any bridge or other structure.

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

11 **27-41-86. Telemedicine services.** -- Every group health insurance contract, plan, or  
12 group policy delivered, issued for delivery or renewed in this state which provides medical  
13 coverage, and every group policy which provides for treatment of persons for the prevention,  
14 cure, or correction of any illness or physical or mental condition shall provide coverage for the  
15 use of telecommunication and information technologies utilized to provide clinical health care for  
16 subscribers who reside on islands located within the state that are not connected to the mainland  
17 by any bridge or other structure.

18 SECTION 5. This act shall take effect ~~upon passage~~ on January 1, 2017.

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EXPLANATION  
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
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1           This act would require insurance policies to provide coverage for the use of  
2 telecommunication services rendered to subscribers who reside on islands located within the state  
3 that are not connected to the mainland by any bridge or other structure.

4           This act would take effect ~~upon passage~~ [on January 1, 2017](#).

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