

1 AN ACT relating to insurance. 39

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, 43

3 represented in the General Assembly: 44

4 Section 5. The Illinois Insurance Code is amended by 47

5 changing Section 370c as follows: 48

6 (215 ILCS 5/370c) (from Ch. 73, par. 982c) 51

7 Sec. 370c. (1) On and after the effective date of this 53

8 Section, every insurer which delivers, issues for delivery or 54

9 renews or modifies group A&H policies providing coverage for 55

10 hospital or medical treatment or services for illness on an 56

11 expense-incurred basis shall offer to the applicant or group 57

12 policyholder subject to the insurers standards of 58

13 insurability, coverage for reasonable and necessary treatment 59

14 and services for mental, emotional or nervous disorders or 60

15 conditions up to the limits provided in the policy for other 61

16 disorders or conditions, except (i) the insured may be 62

17 required to pay up to 50% of expenses incurred as a result of 63

18 the treatment or services, and (ii) the annual benefit limit 64

19 may be limited to the lesser of \$10,000 or 25% of the 65

20 lifetime policy limit. 66

21 (2) Each insured that is covered for mental, emotional 67

22 or nervous disorders or conditions shall be free to select 68

23 the physician licensed to practice medicine in all its 69

24 branches, licensed clinical psychologist, or licensed 70

25 clinical social worker, or licensed clinical professional

26 counselor of his choice to treat such disorders, and the 71

27 insurer shall pay the covered charges of such physician 72

28 licensed to practice medicine in all its branches, licensed 73

29 clinical psychologist, or licensed clinical social worker, or

30 licensed clinical professional counselor up to the limits of 74

31 coverage, provided (i) the disorder or condition treated is 75

Secretary of the Senate

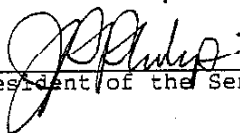
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1 covered by the policy, and (ii) the physician, licensed 77
 2 psychologist, or licensed clinical social worker, or licensed 78
 3 clinical professional counselor is authorized to provide said 79
 4 services under the statutes of this State and in accordance 80
 5 with accepted principles of his profession.

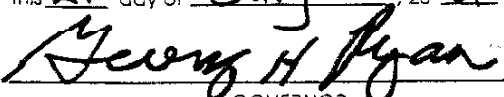
6 Insofar as this Section applies solely to licensed 82
 7 clinical social workers and licensed clinical professional 83
 8 counselors, those persons who may provide services to 84
 9 individuals shall do so after the licensed clinical social 85
 10 worker or licensed clinical professional counselor has 86
 11 informed the patient of the desirability of the patient 87
 12 conferring with the patient's primary care physician and the 88
 13 licensed clinical social worker or licensed clinical
 14 professional counselor has provided written notification to 90
 15 the patient's primary care physician, if any, that services
 16 are being provided to the patient. That notification may, 91
 17 however, be waived by the patient on a written form. Those 92
 18 forms shall be retained by the licensed clinical social 93
 19 worker or licensed clinical professional counselor for a 94
 20 period of not less than 5 years.
 21 (Source: P.A. 86-1434.) 96

22 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon 99
 23 becoming law.


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 President of the Senate 107


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 Speaker, House of Representatives 111

APPROVED

this 27th day of July, 20 01 A.D.,


 GOVERNOR