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House of Representatives, March 7, 2019

**An Act To Ensure Health Insurance Coverage for Treatment for
Childhood Postinfectious Neuroimmune Disorders Including
Pediatric Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Disorders Associated with
Streptococcal Infections and Pediatric Acute-onset Neuropsychiatric
Syndrome**

Reference to the Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services
suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative BAILEY of Saco.
Cosponsored by Senator DESCHAMBAULT of York and
Representative: DENK of Kennebunk, Senator: BELLOWS of Kennebec.

1 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

2 Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA §4320-L is enacted to read:

3 §4320-L. Coverage for treatment of childhood postinfectious neuroimmune
4 disorders including pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders
5 associated with streptococcal infections and pediatric acute-onset
6 neuropsychiatric syndrome

7 1. Required coverage. A carrier offering a health plan in this State shall provide
8 coverage for treatment of childhood postinfectious neuroimmune disorders including
9 pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections
10 and pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome. Treatments that must be covered
11 include, but are not limited to, long-term antibiotics, intravenous immunoglobulin
12 therapy, steroids, plasmapheresis and psychopharmacological interventions. Coverage
13 may not be excluded due to the diagnosis of autoimmune encephalopathy or autoimmune
14 encephalitis.

15 2. Application. The requirements of this section apply to all policies, contracts and
16 certificates executed, delivered, issued for delivery, continued or renewed in this State.
17 For purposes of this section, all contracts are deemed to be renewed no later than the next
18 yearly anniversary of the contract date.

19 **Sec. 2. Application.** The requirements of this Act apply to all policies, contracts
20 and certificates executed, delivered, issued for delivery, continued or renewed in this
21 State on or after January 1, 2020. For purposes of this Act all contracts are deemed to be
22 renewed no later than the next yearly anniversary of the contract date.

23 **SUMMARY**

24 This bill requires health insurance coverage for treatment of childhood postinfectious
25 neuroimmune disorders, a group of medical conditions that includes autoinflammatory
26 encephalopathic conditions including pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders
27 associated with streptococcal infections and pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric
28 syndrome. The treatments authorized include certain treatments described as the standard
29 of care in a series of articles in the 2017 Journal of Child and Adolescent
30 Psychopharmacology, Volume 27, Number 7. The requirements apply to all individual
31 and group policies and contracts issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2020.