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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-THREE

AN ACT Relating to Coverage for Treatment by Psychologists in Health and Accident Policies and Plans.

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

R. S., T. 24-A, § 430, additional. Title 24-A of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 132 of the public laws of 1969, is amended by adding a new section 430 to read as follows:

§ 430. Mental ailments

All corporations, governed by Title 24, and which establish, maintain and operate nonprofit medical service plans, and all persons, firms and corporations, governed by this Title, which provide policies, contracts or certificates of group and individual accident, health or accident and health insurance shall, whenever said plans, policies, contracts or certificates provide for and offer payment or reimbursement for the diagnosis and treatment of mental, nervous or emotional disorders and ailments, notify in writing all groups and individuals applying for or seeking to renew such plans, policies, contracts or certificates of the availability of an option to include a provision for reimbursement or payment, to the limits of coverage, for any service which is within the lawful scope of practice of a duly licensed practicing psychologist, and on the same terms and conditions as such treatment would be rendered by other licensed practitioners pursuant to contracts between the practitioner and the firm, corporation or person governed by Title 24 or this Title, if such contract or contracts exist at the time such treatment is rendered. Said notice shall state the additional premium cost of such coverage.

This section shall apply to all such policies, certificates, plans or arrangements written or renewed, or which have a renewal anniversary date on or after January 1, 1974.