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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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(Filing No. H-315)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 591, L.D. 669, Bill,
"AN ACT to Require Alcoholism Treatment Benefits in Health
Insurance Policies."

Amend the Bill by striking out all of the title and
inserting in its place the following: 'AN ACT to Require that
Coverage for Alcoholism Treatment be Offered as an Option in
Group Health Insurance Policies.'

Further amend the Bill by striking out everything after
the enacting clause and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 24 MRS §2329 is enacted to read:

§2329. Coverage for treatment of alcoholism

1. Coverage required to be made available. Every non-
profit hospital and medical service organization which issues
group health care contracts providing coverage for hospital
care to residents of this State shall make available coverage
for treatment of alcoholism provided by licensed or certified
treatment facilities, provided ^{that} the facility providing the treat-
ment has contracted with the nonprofit hospital or medical
service organization under terms and conditions which the
organization deems satisfactory to its membership.

2. Contract. The group contract making available
coverage for the treatment referred to in this section shall
contain provisions for maximum benefits and coinsurance, and
reasonable limitations, deductibles and exclusions.

Sec. 2. 24-A MRSA §2842 is enacted to read:

§2842. Coverage for treatment of alcoholism

1. Coverage required to be made available. Every insurer which issues, for delivery in this State, group and blanket health insurance policies which provide coverage for hospital care to residents of this State shall make available coverage for treatment of alcoholism provided by licensed or certified treatment facilities.

2. Policy. The group or blanket policy providing coverage for the treatment referred to in this section shall contain provisions for maximum benefits and coinsurance, and reasonable limitations, deductibles and exclusions.

Sec. 3. Transition provision. This Act shall apply only to those contracts and policies delivered or issued for delivery in this State after January 1, 1982.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to require that coverage for alcoholism treatment provided in licensed centers is made available as an option in group health insurance policies issued or delivered after January 1, 1982.

Reported by the Majority of the Committee on Business Legislation.
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