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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Filing No. H-316)
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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " *B* " 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 everything after the
enacting clause and inserting in its place the following:

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

§2329. Coverage for treatment of ~~A~~ Alcoholism

1. Coverage required. Every nonprofit hospital and
medical service organization which issues group health care
contracts providing coverage for hospital care to residents
of this State shall provide coverage for treatment of alco-
holism provided by licensed or certified treatment facilities
or by licensed physicians or psychologists, provided that
such coverage need not be provided if the applicant affirma-
tively and specifically waives such coverage in writing in
that
the application and further provided/the facility, physician
or psychologist providing the treatment 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 providing coverage for
the treatment referred to in this section shall contain pro-
visions for maximum benefits and coinsurance and reasonable
limitations, deductibles and exclusions.

Sec. 2. 24-A MRSA §2841 is enacted to read:

§2841. Coverage for treatment of alcoholism

1. Coverage required. 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 provide coverage for treatment of alcoholism provided by licensed or certified treatment facilities or by licensed physicians or psychologists, provided that such coverage need not be provided if the applicant affirmatively and specifically waives such coverage in writing in the application.

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. The provisions of this Act shall apply only to those contracts and policies delivered or issued for delivery in this State more than 90 days after this Act takes effect.'

Statement of Fact

The purposes of this amendment are to require that coverage for alcoholism treatment be provided in group health insurance policies, unless the applicant specifically waives

such coverage and to require that services rendered by licensed physicians and psychologists in their own offices also be reimbursed under this coverage.

Reported by the Minority of the Committee on Business Legislation.
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