

1 HOUSE BILL NO. 783

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING COVERAGE OF CERTAIN TREATMENTS AND
5 MEDICATIONS RELATING TO DIABETES, CLASS 3 OBESITY, OR AND POLYCYSTIC OVARY
6 SYNDROME; PROVIDING THE TYPES OF TREATMENTS AND MEDICATIONS THAT MUST BE COVERED;
7 PROVIDING WHAT MEDICAL NECESSITY INCLUDES; PROVIDING EXCLUSIONS; APPLYING TO
8 CERTAIN INSURED GROUPS GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE FOR STATE EMPLOYEES; PROVIDING
9 REPORTING REQUIREMENTS; PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION; AND AMENDING SECTIONS SECTION
10 2-18-704, 33-31-111, AND 33-35-306, MCA."

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12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

14 **NEW SECTION. Section 1. Coverage of certain treatments and medications relating to diabetes**
15 **and obesity AND POLYCYSTIC OVARY SYNDROME -- STATE GROUP INSURANCE.** (1) (a) Each individual disability
16 policy, certificate of insurance, and membership contract that is delivered, issued for delivery, renewed,
17 extended, or modified in this state **AN INSURANCE CONTRACT OR PLAN ISSUED UNDER THIS PART** must provide
18 coverage for:

19 (i) —glucagon-like peptide-1 receptor agonists FOR THE TREATMENT OF CLASS 3 OR HIGHER OBESITY, or
20 POLYCYSTIC OVARY SYNDROME, OR OTHER CONDITIONS THESE DRUGS ARE AUTHORIZED TO TREAT BY THE FOOD AND
21 DRUG ADMINISTRATION if it is determined to be medically necessary; and

(ii) polycystic ovary syndrome if it is determined to be medically necessary.

23 (b) For the purposes of subsection (1)(a), the term "medically necessary" includes but is not limited
24 to a diagnosis of diabetes or class 3 obesity or polycystic ovary syndrome.

25 (2) Coverage under this section may be subject to deductibles, coinsurance, and copayment
26 provisions. Special deductible, coinsurance, copayment, or other limitations that are not generally applicable to
27 other medical services covered under the plan may not be imposed on coverage of glucagon-like peptide-1

1 receptor agonists. A health insurance issuer may use cost containment measures, which may include but are
2 not limited to step therapy and prior authorization.

3 (3) ~~This section does not apply to disability income, hospital indemnity, medicare supplement, specified disease, or long term care policies~~ APPLIES ONLY TO GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE FOR STATE EMPLOYEES
4 AND MONTANA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM EMPLOYEES UNDER TITLE 2, CHAPTER 18, PART 7, AND IS A MANDATORY PROVISION
5 AS PROVIDED IN 2-18-704.

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7 (4) BY SEPTEMBER 1 OF EACH YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION SHALL REPORT TO THE
8 GENERAL GOVERNMENT INTERIM BUDGET COMMITTEE, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES INTERIM BUDGET COMMITTEE,
9 ECONOMIC AFFAIRS INTERIM COMMITTEE, AND HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES INTERIM COMMITTEE IN ACCORDANCE
10 WITH 5-11-210 ON THE UTILIZATION, COST, AND COST SAVINGS AS A RESULT OF THIS SECTION FOR THE PURPOSES OF
11 ASSESSING EFFECTIVENESS AND CREATING A BUDGET ESTIMATE.

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13 **Section 2.** Section 2-18-704, MCA, is amended to read:

14 **"2-18-704. Mandatory provisions.** (1) An insurance contract or plan issued under this part must
15 contain provisions that permit:

16 (a) the member of a group who retires from active service under the appropriate retirement
17 provisions of a defined benefit plan provided by law or, in the case of the defined contribution plan provided in
18 Title 19, chapter 3, part 21, a member with at least 5 years of service and who is at least age 50 while in
19 covered employment to remain a member of the group until the member becomes eligible for medicare under
20 the federal Health Insurance for the Aged Act, 42 U.S.C. 1395, unless the member is a participant in another
21 group plan with substantially the same or greater benefits at an equivalent cost or unless the member is
22 employed and, by virtue of that employment, is eligible to participate in another group plan with substantially the
23 same or greater benefits at an equivalent cost;

24 (b) the surviving spouse of a member to remain a member of the group as long as the spouse is
25 eligible for retirement benefits accrued by the deceased member as provided by law unless the spouse is
26 eligible for medicare under the federal Health Insurance for the Aged Act or unless the spouse has or is eligible
27 for equivalent insurance coverage as provided in subsection (1)(a);

5 (2) An insurance contract or plan issued under this part must contain the provisions of subsection
6 (1) for remaining a member of the group and also must permit:

14 (i) terminates service in the legislature and is a vested member of a state retirement system
15 provided by law; and

16 (ii) notifies the department of administration in writing within 90 days of the end of the legislator's
17 legislative term.

18 (b) A former legislator may not remain a member of the group plan under the provisions of
19 subsection (3)(a) if the person:

20 (i) is a member of a plan with substantially the same or greater benefits at an equivalent cost; or

21 (ii) is employed and, by virtue of that employment, is eligible to participate in another group plan

22 with substantially the same or greater benefits at an equivalent cost.

23 (c) A legislator who remains a member of the group under the provisions of subsection (3)(a) and
24 subsequently terminates membership may not rejoin the group plan unless the person again serves as a
25 legislator.

26 (4) (a) A state insurance contract or plan must contain provisions that permit continued
27 membership in the state's group plan by a member of the judges' retirement system who leaves judicial office

1 but continues to be an inactive vested member of the judges' retirement system as provided by 19-5-301. The
2 judge shall notify the department of administration in writing within 90 days of the end of the judge's judicial
3 service of the judge's choice to continue membership in the group plan.

4 (b) A former judge may not remain a member of the group plan under the provisions of this
5 subsection (4) if the person:

6 (i) is a member of a plan with substantially the same or greater benefits at an equivalent cost;
7 (ii) is employed and, by virtue of that employment, is eligible to participate in another group plan
8 with substantially the same or greater benefits at an equivalent cost; or
9 (iii) becomes eligible for medicare under the federal Health Insurance for the Aged Act.

10 (c) A judge who remains a member of the group under the provisions of this subsection (4) and
11 subsequently terminates membership may not rejoin the group plan unless the person again serves in a
12 position covered by the state's group plan.

13 (5) A person electing to remain a member of the group under subsection (1), (2), (3), or (4) shall
14 pay the full premium for coverage and for that of the person's covered dependents.

15 (6) An insurance contract or plan issued under this part that provides for the dispensing of
16 prescription drugs by an out-of-state mail service pharmacy, as defined in 37-7-702:

17 (a) must permit any member of a group to obtain prescription drugs from a pharmacy located in
18 Montana that is willing to match the price charged to the group or plan and to meet all terms and conditions,
19 including the same professional requirements that are met by the mail service pharmacy for a drug, without
20 financial penalty to the member; and

21 (b) may only be with an out-of-state mail service pharmacy that is registered with the board under
22 Title 37, chapter 7, part 7, and that is registered in this state as a foreign corporation.

23 (7) An insurance contract or plan issued under this part must include coverage for:

24 (a) treatment of inborn errors of metabolism, as provided for in 33-22-131;
25 (b) therapies for Down syndrome, as provided in 33-22-139;
26 (c) treatment for children with hearing loss as provided in 33-22-128(1) and (2);
27 (d) fertility preservation services as required under 33-22-2103;

9 (b) Coverage for well-child care under subsection (8)(a) must include:

10 (i) a history, physical examination, developmental assessment, anticipatory guidance, and
11 laboratory tests, according to the schedule of visits adopted under the early and periodic screening, diagnosis
12 and treatment services program provided for in 533-6-101; and

13 (ii) routine immunizations according to the schedule for immunization recommended by the
14 advisory committee on immunization practices of the U.S. department of health and human services.

15 (c) Minimum benefits may be limited to one visit payable to one provider for all of the services
16 provided at each visit as provided for in this subsection (8).

17 (d) For purposes of this subsection (8):

18 (i) "developmental assessment" and "anticipatory guidance" mean the services described in the
19 Guidelines for Health Supervision II, published by the American academy of pediatrics; and
20 (ii) "well-child care" means the services described in subsection (8)(b) and delivered by a
21 physician or a health care professional supervised by a physician.

22 (9) Upon renewal, an insurance contract or plan issued under this part under which coverage of a
23 dependent terminates at a specified age must continue to provide coverage for any dependent, as defined in
24 the insurance contract or plan, until the dependent reaches 26 years of age. For insurance contracts or plans
25 issued under this part, the premium charged for the additional coverage of a dependent, as defined in the
26 insurance contract or plan, may be required to be paid by the insured and not by the employer.

27 (10) Prior to issuance of an insurance contract or plan under this part, written informational

1 materials describing the contract's or plan's cancer screening coverages must be provided to a prospective
2 group or plan member.

3 (11) The state employee group benefit plans and the Montana university system group benefits
4 plans must provide coverage for hospital inpatient care for a period of time as is determined by the attending
5 physician and, in the case of a health maintenance organization, the primary care physician, in consultation
6 with the patient to be medically necessary following a mastectomy, a lumpectomy, or a lymph node dissection
7 for the treatment of breast cancer.

8 (12) (a) (i) The state employee group benefit plans and the Montana university system group
9 benefits plans must provide coverage for medically necessary and prescribed outpatient self-management
10 training and education for the treatment of diabetes. Any education must be provided by a licensed health care
11 professional with expertise in diabetes. At a minimum, the benefit must consist of:

12 (A) 20 visits of training and education in diabetes self-management provided in either an individual
13 or group setting if the person has not received the training and education previously; and

14 (B) 12 visits of followup diabetes self-management training and education services in subsequent
15 years for an insured who has previously received and exhausted the initial 20 visits of education.

16 (ii) For the purposes of this subsection (12)(a), the term "visit" refers to a period of 30 minutes.

17 (b) The state employee group benefit plans and the Montana university system group benefits
18 plans must provide coverage for diabetic equipment and supplies that at a minimum includes insulin, syringes,
19 injection aids, devices for self-monitoring of glucose levels (including those for the visually impaired), test strips,
20 visual reading and urine test strips, one insulin pump for each warranty period, accessories to insulin pumps,
21 one prescriptive oral agent for controlling blood sugar levels for each class of drug approved by the United
22 States food and drug administration, and glucagon emergency kits.

23 (c) Nothing in subsection (12)(a) or (12)(b) prohibits the state or the Montana university group
24 benefit plans from providing a greater benefit or an alternative benefit of substantially equal value, in which
25 case subsection (12)(a) or (12)(b), as appropriate, does not apply.

26 (d) Annual copayment and deductible provisions are subject to the same terms and conditions
27 applicable to all other covered benefits within a given policy.

15 (b) The state employee group benefit plans and the Montana university system group benefits
16 plans subject to the provisions of subsection (13)(a) may discontinue or not renew the coverage of a spouse or
17 dependent only if:

18 (i) the spouse or dependent has failed to pay premiums or contributions in accordance with the
19 terms of the state employee group benefit plans and the Montana university system group benefits plans or if
20 the plans have not received timely premium payments:

21 (ii) the spouse or dependent has performed an act or practice that constitutes fraud or has made
22 an intentional misrepresentation of a material fact under the terms of the coverage; or

23 (iii) the state employee group benefit plans and the Montana university system group benefits
24 plans are ceasing to offer coverage in accordance with applicable state law.

25 (14) The state employee group benefit plans and the Montana university system group benefits
26 plans must comply with the provisions of 33-22-153 and [section 1].

27 (15) An insurance contract or plan issued under this part and a group benefits plan issued by the

1 Montana university system must provide mental health coverage that meets the provisions of Title 33, chapter
2 22, part 7.

3 (16) The employing state agency of a law enforcement officer as defined in 2-15-2040 who is
4 covered under the state employee group benefit plan shall:

5 (a) if the officer is catastrophically injured in the line of duty as defined in 2-15-2040, enroll the
6 officer and the officer's covered spouse or dependent children in COBRA continuation coverage when that
7 officer is terminated from employment as a result of the catastrophic injury. The officer and the officer's spouse
8 or dependent children may opt out of COBRA continuation coverage within 60 days of enrollment.

9 (b) enroll the officer's covered spouse or dependent children in COBRA continuation coverage if
10 the officer dies in the line of duty as defined in 2-15-2040. The officer's spouse or dependent children may opt
11 out of COBRA coverage within 60 days of the date of enrollment.

12 (c) pay the COBRA premium for 4 months of COBRA continuation coverage for the officer and the
13 officer's covered spouse or dependent children enrolled in COBRA continuation coverage pursuant to
14 subsections (16)(a) or (16)(b), after which time the officer and the officer's spouse or dependent children shall
15 pay the COBRA premium. (See compiler's comments for contingent termination of certain text.)"

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17 **Section 3.** Section 33-31-111, MCA, is amended to read:

18 **"33-31-111. Statutory construction and relationship to other laws.** (1) Except as otherwise
19 provided in this chapter, the insurance or health service corporation laws do not apply to a health maintenance
20 organization authorized to transact business under this chapter. This provision does not apply to an insurer or
21 health service corporation licensed and regulated pursuant to the insurance or health service corporation laws
22 of this state except with respect to its health maintenance organization activities authorized and regulated
23 pursuant to this chapter.

24 (2) Solicitation of enrollees by a health maintenance organization granted a certificate of authority
25 or its representatives is not a violation of any law relating to solicitation or advertising by health professionals.

26 (3) A health maintenance organization authorized under this chapter is not practicing medicine and
27 is exempt from Title 37, chapter 3, relating to the practice of medicine.

1 (4) ~~This chapter does not exempt a health maintenance organization from the applicable certificate~~
2 ~~of need requirements under Title 50, chapter 5, parts 1 and 3.~~

3 (5) ~~This section does not exempt a health maintenance organization from the prohibition of~~
4 ~~pecuniary interest under 33-3-308 or the material transaction disclosure requirements under 33-3-701 through~~
5 ~~33-3-704. A health maintenance organization must be considered an insurer for the purposes of 33-3-308 and~~
6 ~~33-3-701 through 33-3-704.~~

7 (6) ~~This section does not exempt a health maintenance organization from:~~

8 (a) ~~prohibitions against interference with certain communications as provided under Title 33,~~
9 ~~chapter 1, part 8;~~

10 (b) ~~the provisions of Title 33, chapter 22, parts 7 and 19;~~

11 (c) ~~the requirements of 33-22-134 and 33-22-135;~~

12 (d) ~~network adequacy and quality assurance requirements provided under chapter 36; or~~

13 (e) ~~the requirements of Title 33, chapter 18, part 9.~~

14 (7) ~~Other chapters and provisions of this title apply to health maintenance organizations as follows:~~

15 ~~Title 33, chapter 1, parts 6, 12, and 13; 33-2-1114; 33-2-1211 and 33-2-1212; Title 33, chapter 2, parts 13, 19,~~

16 ~~23, and 24; 33-3-401; 33-3-422; 33-3-431; Title 33, chapter 3, part 6; Title 33, chapter 10; Title 33, chapter~~

17 ~~12; 33-15-308; Title 33, chapter 17; Title 33, chapter 19; 33-22-107; 33-22-114; 33-22-128; 33-22-129; 33-~~

18 ~~22-131; 33-22-136 through 33-22-139; 33-22-141 and 33-22-142; 33-22-152 through 33-22-159; [section 11,~~

19 ~~33-22-180; 33-22-244; 33-22-246 and 33-22-247; 33-22-514 and 33-22-515; 33-22-521; 33-22-523 and 33-~~

20 ~~22-524; 33-22-526; 33-22-2103; and Title 33, chapter 32."~~

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22 **Section 4.** Section 33-35-306, MCA, is amended to read:

23 **"33-35-306. Application of insurance code to arrangements.** (1) In addition to this chapter, self-

24 funded multiple employer welfare arrangements are subject to the following provisions:

25 (a) 33-1-111;

26 (b) Title 33, chapter 1, part 4, but the examination of a self-funded multiple employer welfare

27 arrangement is limited to those matters to which the arrangement is subject to regulation under this chapter;

1 (c) Title 33, chapter 1, part 7;

2 (d) Title 33, chapter 2, parts 23 and 24;

3 (e) 33-3-308;

4 (f) Title 33, chapter 7;

5 (g) Title 33, chapter 18, ~~except 33-18-242~~;

6 (h) Title 33, chapter 19;

7 (i) 33-22-107, 33-22-114, 33-22-128, 33-22-129, 33-22-131, 33-22-134, 33-22-135, 33-22-138,

8 33-22-139, 33-22-141, 33-22-142, and 33-22-152 through 33-22-155, and [section 1];

9 (j) 33-22-316;

10 (k) 33-22-512, 33-22-515, 33-22-525, and 33-22-526;

11 (l) Title 33, chapter 22, parts 7 and 21; and

12 (m) 33-22-707.

13 (2) Except as provided in this chapter, other provisions of Title 33 do not apply to a self-funded

14 multiple employer welfare arrangement that has been issued a certificate of authority that has not been

15 revoked."

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17 **NEW SECTION. SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION.** (1) THERE IS APPROPRIATED \$1.5 MILLION FROM THE STATE

18 GENERAL FUND TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION FOR EACH FISCAL YEAR OF THE BIENNIAL BEGINNING JULY 1,

19 2025. THE FUNDS MAY BE USED ONLY TO COVER THE COSTS TO THE STATE ASSOCIATED WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF

20 [THIS ACT.]

21 (2) THE LEGISLATURE INTENDS THAT THIS IS A ONE-TIME-ONLY APPROPRIATION.

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23 **NEW SECTION. Section 4. Codification instruction.** [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an

24 integral part of Title 33, chapter 22, part 1 TITLE 2, CHAPTER 18, PART 7, and the provisions of Title 33, chapter

25 22, part 1, TITLE 2, CHAPTER 18, PART 7, apply to [section 1].

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