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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
149th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE BILL NO. 386

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 18, TITLE 29, AND TITLE 31 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO
COVERAGE FOR TREATMENT OF PEDIATRIC AUTOIMMUNE NEUROPSYCHIATRIC DISORDERS
ASSOCIATED WITH STREPTOCOCCAL INFECTIONS AND PEDIATRIC ACUTE ONSET NEUROPSYCHIATRIC
SYNDROME.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE:

1 Section 1. Amend Chapter 33, Title 18 of the Delaware Code by making deletions as shown by strike through and
2 insertions as shown by underline as follows:

3 § 3370B. Coverage for treatment of pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal
4 infections and pediatric acute onset neuropsychiatric syndrome.

5 (a) All individual health insurance policies, contracts, or certificates that are delivered, issued for delivery,
6 renewed, extended, or modified in this State by any health insurer, health service corporation, or health maintenance
7 organization shall provide coverage for treatment of pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with
8 streptococcal infections and pediatric acute onset neuropsychiatric syndrome, including the use of intravenous
9 immunoglobulin therapy.

10 (b) At any time that the State is required by the Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human
11 Services, or its successor agency, to defray the cost of any coverage for pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders
12 associated with streptococcal infections and pediatric acute onset neuropsychiatric syndrome required under subsection (a)
13 of this section, the requirements under subsection (a) of this section are inoperative and the State may not assume any
14 obligation for the cost of coverage for pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal
15 infections and pediatric acute onset neuropsychiatric syndrome.

16 Section 2. Amend Chapter 35, Title 18 of the Delaware Code by making deletions as shown by strike through and
17 insertions as shown by underline as follows:

18 § 3571T. Coverage for treatment of pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal
19 infections and pediatric acute onset neuropsychiatric syndrome.

20 (a) All group and blanket health insurance policies, contracts, or certificates that are delivered, issued for delivery,
21 renewed, extended, or modified in this State by any health insurer, health service corporation, or health maintenance

22 organization shall provide coverage for treatment of pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with
23 streptococcal infections and pediatric acute onset neuropsychiatric syndrome, including the use of intravenous
24 immunoglobulin therapy.

25 (b) At any time that the State is required by the Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human
26 Services, or its successor agency, to defray the cost of any coverage for pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders
27 associated with streptococcal infections and pediatric acute onset neuropsychiatric syndrome required under subsection (a)
28 of this section, the requirements under subsection (a) of this section are inoperative and the State may not assume any
29 obligation for the cost of coverage for pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal
30 infections and pediatric acute onset neuropsychiatric syndrome.

31 Section 3. Amend Chapter 52, Title 29 of the Delaware Code by making deletions as shown by strike through and
32 insertions as shown by underline as follows:

33 § 5211. Coverage for treatment of pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal
34 infections and pediatric acute onset neuropsychiatric syndrome.

35 The plan shall provide coverage for treatment of pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with
36 streptococcal infections and pediatric acute onset neuropsychiatric syndrome, including the use of intravenous
37 immunoglobulin therapy.

38 Section 4. Amend Chapter 5, Title 31 of the Delaware Code by making deletions as shown by strike through and
39 insertions as shown by underline as follows:

40 § 526. Coverage for treatment of pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal
41 infections and pediatric acute onset neuropsychiatric syndrome.

42 Carriers shall provide coverage for treatment of pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with
43 streptococcal infections and pediatric acute onset neuropsychiatric syndrome, including the use of intravenous
44 immunoglobulin therapy in all health benefit plans delivered or issued for delivery under § 505(3) of this title.

SYNOPSIS

This Act requires that individual, group, State employee, and public assistance insurance plans provide coverage for treatment of pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections and pediatric acute onset neuropsychiatric syndrome. This Act suspends this requirement for individual and group insurance plans if, under the Affordable Care Act, the State is required to assume the cost of this coverage.