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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.