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HOUSE BILL NO. 302

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING INSURANCE COVERAGE OF A 12-MONTH SUPPLY OF PRESCRIPTION CONTRACEPTIVES; AMENDING SECTIONS 33-22-101, 33-31-111, AND 33-35-306, MCA; AND PROVIDING A DELAYED EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN APPLICABILITY DATE."

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. Coverage of contraceptives. (1) Each group or individual disability policy, certificate of insurance, or membership contract that is delivered, issued for delivery, renewed, extended, or modified in this state that includes coverage for prescription contraceptives must provide reimbursement for up to a 12-month supply of any drug, device, or product for contraception that is prescribed and that has been approved by the U.S. food and drug administration.

(2) The coverage under this section must allow for an insured to receive up to a 12-month supply of a prescription contraceptive regardless of whether the insured was enrolled in the policy, certificate, or contract at the time the contraceptive was first prescribed or dispensed.

(3) The coverage under this section must allow the insured to receive the 12-month supply at one time unless the insured requests less than a 12-month supply or a health care provider specifically prescribes less than a 12-month supply.

(4) If the insured's prescriber recommends a specific contraceptive drug, device, or product approved by the U.S. food and drug administration based on medical necessity, the insurer shall defer to the prescriber's determination and provide coverage for the prescribed contraceptive.

(5) Coverage required under this section may not:

(a) in the absence of clinical contraindications, impose utilization controls or other forms of medical management to limit the supply of contraceptives that will be reimbursed to less than a 12-month supply;

(b) require prior authorization for coverage of prescription contraceptives, except to review the

1 medical necessity of prescribing a 12-month supply of a brand-name contraceptive instead of a 12-month  
2 supply of a generic-name contraceptive;

3 (c) impose a waiting period for the coverage required under this section; or

4 (d) impose a special deductible, coinsurance, copayment, or other limitation on prescription  
5 contraceptives covered under this section that are not generally applicable to other medical care covered under  
6 the plan.

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8 **Section 2.** Section 33-22-101, MCA, is amended to read:

9 **"33-22-101. Exceptions to scope.** (1) Subject to subsection (2), parts 1 through 4 of this chapter,  
10 except 33-22-107, 33-22-110, 33-22-111, 33-22-114, 33-22-125, 33-22-129, 33-22-130 through 33-22-136, 33-  
11 22-138, 33-22-140, 33-22-141, 33-22-142, 33-22-153, 33-22-243, and 33-22-304, and part 19 of this chapter do  
12 not apply to or affect:

13 (a) any policy of liability or workers' compensation insurance with or without supplementary  
14 expense coverage;

15 (b) any group or blanket policy;

16 (c) life insurance, endowment, or annuity contracts or supplemental contracts that contain only  
17 those provisions relating to disability insurance that:

18 (i) provide additional benefits in case of death or dismemberment or loss of sight by accident or  
19 accidental means; or

20 (ii) operate to safeguard contracts against lapse or to give a special surrender value or special  
21 benefit or an annuity if the insured or annuitant becomes totally and permanently disabled as defined by the  
22 contract or supplemental contract;

23 (d) reinsurance.

24 (2) (a) Sections 33-22-137, 33-22-150 through 33-22-152, section 1, 33-22-170 through 33-22-  
25 177, 33-22-180, and 33-22-301 apply to group or blanket policies.

26 (b) Title 33, chapter 2, part 24, and 33-22-170 through 33-22-177 apply to workers' compensation  
27 policies."  
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1           **Section 3.** Section 33-31-111, MCA, is amended to read:

2           **"33-31-111. Statutory construction and relationship to other laws.** (1) Except as otherwise  
3 provided in this chapter, the insurance or health service corporation laws do not apply to a health maintenance  
4 organization authorized to transact business under this chapter. This provision does not apply to an insurer or  
5 health service corporation licensed and regulated pursuant to the insurance or health service corporation laws  
6 of this state except with respect to its health maintenance organization activities authorized and regulated  
7 pursuant to this chapter.

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

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

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

14          (5) This section does not exempt a health maintenance organization from the prohibition of  
15 pecuniary interest under 33-3-308 or the material transaction disclosure requirements under 33-3-701 through  
16 33-3-704. A health maintenance organization must be considered an insurer for the purposes of 33-3-308 and  
17 33-3-701 through 33-3-704.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

26 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,  
27 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 12;  
28 33-15-308; Title 33, chapter 17; Title 33, chapter 19; 33-22-107; 33-22-128; 33-22-129; 33-22-131; 33-22-136

1 through 33-22-139; 33-22-141 and 33-22-142; 33-22-152 and 33-22-153; [section 1]; 33-22-156 through 33-22-  
2 159; 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  
3 33-22-524; 33-22-526; and Title 33, chapter 32."

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

6 **"33-35-306. Application of insurance code to arrangements.** (1) In addition to this chapter, self-  
7 funded multiple employer welfare arrangements are subject to the following provisions:

8 (a) 33-1-111;

9 (b) Title 33, chapter 1, part 4, but the examination of a self-funded multiple employer welfare  
10 arrangement is limited to those matters to which the arrangement is subject to regulation under this chapter;

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

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

13 (e) 33-3-308;

14 (f) Title 33, chapter 7;

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

16 (h) Title 33, chapter 19;

17 (i) 33-22-107, 33-22-128, 33-22-131, 33-22-134, 33-22-135, 33-22-138, 33-22-139, 33-22-141,  
18 33-22-142, 33-22-152, and 33-22-153, and [section 1];

19 (j) 33-22-512, 33-22-515, 33-22-525, and 33-22-526;

20 (k) Title 33, chapter 22, part 7; and

21 (l) 33-22-707.

22 (2) Except as provided in this chapter, other provisions of Title 33 do not apply to a self-funded  
23 multiple employer welfare arrangement that has been issued a certificate of authority that has not been  
24 revoked."

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26 NEW SECTION. **Section 5. Codification instruction.** [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an  
27 integral part of Title 33, chapter 22, part 1, and the provisions of Title 33, chapter 22, part 1, apply to [section 1].

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1            NEW SECTION. Section 6. Effective date. [This act] is effective January 1, 2024.

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3            NEW SECTION. Section 7. Applicability. [This act] applies to health care policies and plans issued

4 or renewed on or after [the effective date of this act].

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