



1 issues a policy of accident and sickness insurance in this state  
2 under the provisions of this article shall make available as  
3 benefits to all subscribers and members coverage for diagnostic  
4 testing and long-term antibiotic treatment of chronic Lyme Disease  
5 when determined to be medically necessary and ordered by a  
6 physician after making a thorough evaluation of the patient's  
7 symptoms, diagnostic test results and response to treatment.  
8 Treatment otherwise eligible for benefits pursuant to this section  
9 may not be denied solely because such treatment may be  
10 characterized as unproven, experimental or investigational in  
11 nature: *Provided*, That this section does not apply to insurance  
12 coverage providing benefits for:

- 13 (1) Hospital confinement indemnity;
- 14 (2) Disability income;
- 15 (3) Accident only;
- 16 (4) Long-term care;
- 17 (5) Medicare supplement;
- 18 (6) Limited benefit health;
- 19 (7) Specified disease indemnity;
- 20 (8) Sickness or bodily injury or death by accident or both;
- 21 and
- 22 (9) Other limited benefit policies.

23 **ARTICLE 16. GROUP ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE.**

24 **§33-16-3v. Policies to cover certain Lyme Disease treatments.**

1 Any insurer who, on or after January 1, 2011, delivers or  
2 issues a policy of group accident and sickness insurance in this  
3 state under the provisions of this article shall make available as  
4 benefits to all subscribers and members coverage for diagnostic  
5 testing and long-term antibiotic treatment of chronic Lyme Disease  
6 when determined to be medically necessary and ordered by a  
7 physician after making a thorough evaluation of the patient's  
8 symptoms, diagnostic test results and response to treatment.  
9 Treatment otherwise eligible for benefits pursuant to this section  
10 may not be denied solely because such treatment may be  
11 characterized as unproven, experimental or investigational in  
12 nature: *Provided*, That this section does not apply to insurance  
13 coverage providing benefits for:

14 (1) Hospital confinement indemnity;

15 (2) Disability income;

16 (3) Accident only;

17 (4) Long-term care;

18 (5) Medicare supplement;

19 (6) Limited benefit health;

20 (7) Specified disease indemnity;

21 (8) Sickness or bodily injury or death by accident or both;

22 and

23 (9) Other limited benefit policies.

24 **ARTICLE 25A. HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION ACT.**

1 **§33-25A-8j. Required coverage for certain Lyme Disease treatments.**

2 A health maintenance organization issuing coverage in this  
3 state pursuant to the provisions of this article shall make  
4 available as benefits to all subscribers and members coverage for  
5 diagnostic testing and long-term antibiotic treatment of chronic  
6 Lyme Disease when determined to be medically necessary and ordered  
7 by a physician after making a thorough evaluation of the patient's  
8 symptoms, diagnostic test results and response to treatment.  
9 Treatment otherwise eligible for benefits pursuant to this section  
10 may not be denied solely because such treatment may be  
11 characterized as unproven, experimental or investigational in  
12 nature: *Provided*, That this section does not apply to insurance  
13 coverage providing benefits for:

14 (1) Hospital confinement indemnity;

15 (2) Disability income;

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17 (4) Long-term care;

18 (5) Medicare supplement;

19 (6) Limited benefit health;

20 (7) Specified disease indemnity;

21 (8) Sickness or bodily injury or death by accident or both;

22 and

23 (9) Other limited benefit policies.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to require accident and sickness insurance providers and health maintenance organizations to cover certain Lyme Disease treatments.

§33-15-4k, §33-16-3v and §33-25A-8j are new; therefore, they have been completely underscored.