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Introduced

House Bill 5183

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[Introduced January 25, 2024; Referred to the
Committee on Banking and Insurance then the
Judiciary]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,
 2 designated §33-15-4x; to amend said code by adding thereto a new section, designated
 3 §33-16-3aaa; to amend said code by adding thereto a new section, designated §33-24-7y;
 4 to amend said code by adding thereto a new section, designated §33-25-8v; and to amend
 5 said code by adding thereto a new section, designated §33-25A-8y, all relating to requiring
 6 insurers providing sickness or health care to provide coverage for biodental hormones.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 15. ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE.

§33-15-4x. Biodental hormones to be covered by all health insurance policies.

1 Any insurer who, on or after January 1, 2024, delivers or issues a policy of group accident
 2 and sickness insurance in this state under the provisions of this article shall make available as
 3 benefits to all subscribers and members coverage on an expense-incurred basis and individual
 4 and group service or indemnity type contracts issued by a nonprofit corporation shall provide
 5 coverage for biodental hormones when determined to be medically necessary and ordered by a
 6 licensed physician after making a thorough evaluation of the patient's symptoms, diagnostic test
 7 results, or response to treatment.

ARTICLE 16. GROUP ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE.

§33-16-3aaa. Biodental hormones to be covered by all health insurance policies.

1 Any insurer who, on or after January 1, 2024, delivers or issues a policy of group accident
 2 and sickness insurance in this state under the provisions of this article shall make available as
 3 benefits to all subscribers and members coverage on an expense-incurred basis and individual
 4 and group service or indemnity type contracts issued by a nonprofit corporation shall provide
 5 coverage for biodental hormones when determined to be medically necessary and ordered by a
 6 licensed physician after making a thorough evaluation of the patient's symptoms, diagnostic test
 7 results, or response to treatment.

ARTICLE 24. HOSPITAL SERVICE CORPORATIONS, MEDICAL SERVICE CORPORATIONS, DENTAL SERVICE CORPORATIONS AND HEALTH SERVICE CORPORATIONS.

§33-24-7y. Bidentical hormones to be covered by all health insurance policies.

1 A policy, provision, contract, plan, or agreement subject to this article, on or after January
2 1, 2024, shall provide coverage for bidentical hormones when determined to be medically
3 necessary and ordered by a licensed physician after making a thorough evaluation of the patient's
4 symptoms, diagnostic test results, or response to treatment.

ARTICLE 25. HEALTH CARE CORPORATIONS.

§33-25-8v. Bidentical hormones to be covered by all health insurance policies.

1 Any health care corporation that, on or after January 1, 2024, delivers or issues a policy of
2 sickness or health insurance in this state under the provisions of this article shall provide coverage
3 for bidentical hormones when determined to be medically necessary and ordered by a licensed
4 physician after making a thorough evaluation of the patient's symptoms, diagnostic test results, or
5 response to treatment.

ARTICLE 25A. HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION ACT.

§33-25A-8y. Bidentical hormones to be covered by all health insurance policies.

1 A health maintenance organization issuing coverage in this state pursuant to the
2 provisions of this article shall provide coverage for bidentical hormones when determined to be
3 medically necessary and ordered by a licensed physician after making a thorough evaluation of
4 the patient's symptoms, diagnostic test results, or response to treatment.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to require insurance coverage for bidentical hormones.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.