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House of Representatives, February 16, 2023

**An Act to Require Health Insurance Coverage for Pediatric
Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Disorders Associated with
Streptococcal Infections and Pediatric Acute-onset Neuropsychiatric
Syndrome**

Reference to the Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services
suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative ROEDER of Bangor.
Cosponsored by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot and
Representative: RANA of Bangor.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA §4320-V** is enacted to read:

3 **§4320-V. Coverage for pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated**
4 **with streptococcal infections and pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric**
5 **syndrome**

6 A carrier offering a health plan in this State shall provide coverage for treatment of
7 pediatric postinfectious neuroimmune disorders including pediatric autoimmune
8 neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections and pediatric acute-
9 onset neuropsychiatric syndrome. Treatments that must be covered include, but are not
10 limited to, long-term antibiotics, intravenous immunoglobulin therapy, steroids,
11 plasmapheresis and psychopharmacological interventions. Coverage may not be excluded
12 due to the diagnosis of autoimmune encephalopathy or autoimmune encephalitis.

13 **Sec. 2. Application.** The requirements of this Act apply to all policies, contracts
14 and certificates executed, delivered, issued for delivery, continued or renewed in this State
15 on or after January 1, 2024. For purposes of this Act all contracts are deemed to be renewed
16 no later than the next yearly anniversary of the contract date.

17 **SUMMARY**

18 This bill requires health insurance coverage for treatment of pediatric postinfectious
19 neuroimmune disorders including pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders
20 associated with streptococcal infections and pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric
21 syndrome. The requirements apply to all individual and group policies and contracts issued
22 or renewed on or after January 1, 2024.