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**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 38‑71‑146 SO AS TO REQUIRE ALL INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE PLANS, HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS, AND THE STATE HEALTH PLAN TO WAIVE COST‑SHARING REQUIREMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH TESTING FOR COVID‑19 AND TO DEFINE APPLICABLE TERMS.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Article 1, Chapter 71, Title 38 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 38‑71‑146. (A) For the purposes of this section, the following definitions apply:

(1) ‘Cost-sharing requirements’ means copayments, coinsurance, deductibles, and any other amounts paid by the covered person related to testing for COVID‑19.

(2) ‘Health insurance plan’ means all individual and group health insurance policies and health maintenance organizations providing coverage for medical treatment.

(3) ‘Insurer’ means any person, corporation, or other entity authorized to provide health insurance plans under this title.

(B) All health insurance plans offered by individual and group health insurers and health maintenance organizations, including the State Health Plan, providing coverage for medical treatment must waive all cost-sharing requirements associated with testing for COVID‑19.”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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