



## 102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2021 and 2022

HB4946

Introduced 1/27/2022, by Rep. Maura Hirschauer

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

215 ILCS 5/356z.53 new

Amends the Illinois Insurance Code. Provides that a group or individual policy of accident and health insurance that is amended, delivered, issued, or renewed on or after January 1, 2024 may not contain any provision denying benefits for expenses incurred in the treatment of an injury sustained by an insured as the result of domestic violence, nor contain any provision denying benefits for expenses incurred in the provision of mental health treatment or therapy to an insured who is a victim of domestic violence. Provides that health benefits for expenses incurred in the treatment of an injury sustained as the result of domestic violence shall be provided to the same extent as for any other treatment under the policy, and mental health treatment and therapy provided to a victim of domestic violence shall be deemed to be medically necessary, and health benefits for the expenses shall be provided to the same extent as for any other medically necessary treatment under the policy.

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1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Insurance Code is amended by  
5 adding Section 356z.53 as follows:

6 (215 ILCS 5/356z.53 new)

7 Sec. 356z.53. Coverage for victims of domestic violence.

8 (a) A group or individual policy of accident and health  
9 insurance that is amended, delivered, issued, or renewed on or  
10 after January 1, 2024 may not contain a provision denying  
11 benefits for expenses incurred in the treatment of an injury  
12 sustained by an insured as the result of domestic violence,  
13 nor contain a provision denying benefits for expenses incurred  
14 in the provision of mental health treatment or therapy to an  
15 insured who is a victim of domestic violence.

16 (b) Health benefits for expenses incurred in the treatment  
17 of an injury sustained as the result of domestic violence  
18 shall be provided to the same extent as for any other treatment  
19 under the policy. Mental health treatment and therapy provided  
20 to a victim of domestic violence shall be deemed to be  
21 medically necessary, and health benefits for these expenses  
22 shall be provided to the same extent as for any other medically  
23 necessary treatment under the policy.