

reports or any subsequent reports under chapter fifty-five of the General Laws, be required to include contributions received or expenditures made prior to the first day of January, nineteen hundred and seventy-four; provided, however, all candidates and all political committees shall, however, include in such initial report the balance on hand, if any, of money or anything of value received prior to the first day of January, nineteen hundred and seventy-four.

SECTION 16. Notwithstanding any provisions of this act, the initial report due under the provisions of chapter fifty-five of the General Laws in the calendar year nineteen hundred and seventy-four, except for those candidates and political committees required to designate a depository by subsection (a) of section seventeen of said chapter fifty-five, and those political committees organized under the provisions of section four of said chapter and which report in accordance with the schedules described in clauses (f) and (g) of section sixteen of said chapter shall be the report required on or before the eighth day prior to the initial city or town preliminary or primary, including a caucus, which is held in said year.

SECTION 17. This act shall take effect on January first, nineteen hundred and seventy-four. *Approved December 10, 1973.*

Chap. 1174. AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE INCLUSION OF PROTECTION AGAINST MENTAL ILLNESS COSTS IN HEALTH INSURANCE POLICIES, EMPLOYEES HEALTH AND WELFARE FUNDS, HOSPITAL SERVICE CONTRACTS AND MEDICAL SERVICE CONTRACTS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 175 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 47A the following section: —

Section 47B. Any blanket or general policy of insurance described in subdivision (A), (C), or (D) of section one hundred and ten which provides hospital expense and surgical expense insurance and which is issued or subsequently renewed by agreement between the insurer and the policyholder, within or without the commonwealth, during the period this provision is effective, or any policy of accident and sickness insurance as described in section one hundred and eight which provides hospital expense and surgical expense insurance and which is delivered or issued for delivery or subsequently renewed by agreement between the insurer and the policyholder in this commonwealth, during the period that this provision is effective, or any employees' health and welfare fund, which provides hospital expense and surgical expense benefits and which is promulgated or renewed to any person or group of persons in this commonwealth, while this provision is effective, shall, if so elected by the policyholder or the employees' health and welfare fund, provide benefits for expense or residents of the commonwealth covered under any such policy or plan, arising from mental

or nervous conditions as described in the standard nomenclature of the American Psychiatric Association which are at least equal to the following minimum requirements:

(a) In the case of benefits based upon confinement as an inpatient in a mental hospital under the direction and supervision of the department of mental health, or in a private mental hospital licensed by the department of mental health, the period of confinement for which benefits shall be payable shall be at least sixty days in any calendar year.

(b) In the case of benefits based upon confinement as an inpatient in a licensed or accredited general hospital, such benefits shall be no different than for any other illness.

(c) In the case of outpatient benefits, these shall cover, to the extent of five hundred dollars over a twelve-month period, services furnished (1) by a comprehensive health service organization, (2) by a licensed or accredited hospital (3) or subject to the approval of the department of mental health services furnished by a community mental health center or other mental health clinic or day care center which furnishes mental health services or (4) consultations or diagnostic or treatment sessions, provided that such services under this clause are rendered by a psychotherapist or by a psychologist licensed under the provisions of chapter one hundred and twelve. For purposes of this clause "psychotherapist" shall mean a person fully licensed to practice medicine under the provisions of chapter one hundred and twelve, who devotes a substantial portion of his time to the practice of psychiatry.

SECTION 2. Chapter 175 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 47A the following section: —

Section 47B. Any blanket or general policy of insurance described in subdivision (A), (C), or (D) of section one hundred and ten which provides hospital expense and surgical expense insurance and which is issued or subsequently renewed by agreement between the insurer and the policyholder, within or without the commonwealth, during the period this provision is effective, or any policy of accident and sickness insurance as described in section one hundred and eight which provides hospital expense and surgical expense insurance and which is delivered or issued for delivery or subsequently renewed by agreement between the insurer and the policyholder in this commonwealth during the period that this provision is effective, or any employees' health and welfare fund which provides hospital expense and surgical expense benefits and which is promulgated or renewed to any person or group of persons in this commonwealth while this provision is effective shall, provide benefits for expense of residents of the commonwealth covered under any such policy or plan, arising from mental or nervous conditions as described in the standard nomenclature of the American Psychiatric Association which are at least equal to the following minimum requirements:

(a) In the case of benefits based upon confinement as an inpatient in a mental hospital under the direction and supervision

of the department of mental health, or in a private mental hospital licensed by the department of mental health, the period of confinement for which benefits shall be payable shall be at least sixty days in any calendar year.

(b) In the case of benefits based upon confinement as an inpatient in a licensed or accredited general hospital, such benefits shall be no different than for any other illness.

(c) In the case of out-patient benefits, these shall cover, to the extent of five hundred dollars over a twelve-month period, services furnished (1) by a comprehensive health service organization, (2) by a licensed or accredited hospital (3) or subject to the approval of the department of mental health services furnished by a community mental health center or other mental health clinic or day care center which furnishes mental health services or (4) consultations or diagnostic or treatment sessions, provided that such services under this clause are rendered by a psychotherapist or by a psychologist licensed under the provisions of chapter one hundred and twelve. For purposes of this clause "psychotherapist" shall mean a person fully licensed to practice medicine under the provisions of chapter one hundred and twelve, who devotes a substantial portion of his time to the practice of psychiatry.

SECTION 3. Chapter 176A of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 8 the following section: —

Section 8A. Any contract between a subscriber and the corporation under an individual or group hospital service plan which shall be delivered or issued or renewed in this commonwealth shall provide as benefits to all individual subscribers and members within the commonwealth and to all group members having a principal place of employment within the commonwealth, if so elected by the subscriber or group, for expense arising from mental or nervous conditions as hereinafter set forth. Such benefits shall be as described in the standard nomenclature of the American Psychiatric Association which are at least equal to the following minimum requirements:

(a) In the case of benefits based upon confinement as an inpatient in a mental hospital under the direction and supervision of the department of mental health, or in a private mental hospital licensed by the department of mental health, the period of confinement for which benefits shall be payable shall be at least sixty days in any calendar year.

(b) In the case of benefits based upon confinement as an inpatient in a licensed or accredited general hospital, such benefits shall be no different than for any other illness.

(c) In the case of out-patient benefits, these shall cover, to the extent of five hundred dollars over a twelve-month period, services furnished (1) by a comprehensive health service organization, (2) by a licensed or accredited hospital (3) or subject to the approval of the department of mental health services furnished by a community mental health center or other mental health clinic or day care center which furnishes mental health services or (4) consulta-

tions or diagnostic or treatment sessions, provided that such services under this clause are rendered by a psychotherapist or by a psychologist licensed under the provisions of chapter one hundred and twelve. For purposes of this clause "psychotherapist" shall mean a person fully licensed to practice medicine under the provisions of chapter one hundred and twelve, who devotes a substantial portion of his time to the practice of psychiatry.

SECTION 4. Chapter 176A of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 8 the following section: —

Section 8A. Any contract between a subscriber and the corporation under an individual or group hospital service plan which shall be delivered or issued or renewed in this commonwealth shall provide as benefits to all individual subscribers and members within the commonwealth and to all group members having a principal place of employment within the commonwealth, for expense arising from mental or nervous conditions as hereinafter set forth. Such benefits shall be as described in the standard nomenclature of the American Psychiatric Association which are at least equal to the following minimum requirements:

(a) In the case of benefits based upon confinement as an inpatient in a mental hospital under the direction and supervision of the department of mental health, or in a private mental hospital licensed by the department of mental health, the period of confinement for which benefits shall be payable shall be at least sixty days in any calendar year.

(b) In the case of benefits based upon confinement as an inpatient in a licensed or accredited general hospital, such benefits shall be no different than for any other illness.

(c) In the case of out-patient benefits, these shall cover, to the extent of five hundred dollars over a twelve-month period, services furnished (1) by a comprehensive health service organization, (2) by a licensed or accredited hospital (3) or subject to the approval of the department of mental health services furnished by a community mental health center or other mental health clinic or day care center which furnishes mental health services of (4) consultations or diagnostic or treatment sessions, provided that such services under this clause are rendered by a psychotherapist or a psychologist licensed under the provisions of chapter one hundred and twelve. For purposes of this clause "psychotherapist" shall mean a person fully licensed to practice medicine under the provisions of chapter one hundred and twelve, who devotes a substantial portion of his time to the practice of psychiatry.

SECTION 5. Chapter 176B of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 4 the following section: —

Section 4A. Any subscription certificate under an individual or group medical service agreement which shall be delivered or issued or renewed in this commonwealth shall provide as benefits to all individual subscribers and members within the commonwealth and to all group members having a principal place of employment within the commonwealth, if so elected by the subscriber or group, for

expense arising from mental or nervous conditions as hereinafter set forth. Such benefits shall be as described in the standard nomenclature of the American Psychiatric Association which are at least equal to the following minimum requirements:

(a) In the case of benefits based upon confinement as an in-patient in a mental hospital under the direction and supervision of the department of mental health, or in a private mental hospital licensed by the department of mental health, the period of confinement for which benefits shall be payable shall be at least sixty days of any calendar year.

(b) In the case of benefits based upon confinement as an in-patient in a licensed or accredited general hospital, such benefits shall be no different than for any other illness.

(c) In the case of out-patient benefits, these shall cover, to the extent of five hundred dollars over a twelve-month period, service furnished (1) by a comprehensive health service organization, (2) by a licensed or accredited hospital (3) or subject to the approval of the department of mental health services furnished by a community mental health center or other mental health clinic or day care center which furnishes mental health services or (4) consultations or diagnostic or treatment sessions, provided that such services under this clause are rendered by a psychotherapist or a psychologist licensed under the provisions of chapter one hundred and twelve. For purposes of this clause "psychotherapist" shall mean a person fully licensed to practice medicine under the provisions of chapter one hundred and twelve, who devotes a substantial portion of his time to the practice of psychiatry.

SECTION 6. Chapter 176B of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 4 the following section: —

Section 4A. Any subscription certificate under an individual or group medical service agreement which shall be delivered or issued or renewed in this commonwealth shall provide as benefits to all individual subscribers and members within the commonwealth and to all group members having a principal place of employment within the commonwealth for expense arising from mental or nervous conditions as hereinafter set forth. Such benefits shall be as described in the standard nomenclature of the American Psychiatric Association which are at least equal to the following minimum requirements:

(a) In the case of benefits based upon confinement as an in-patient in a mental hospital under the direction and supervision of the department of mental health, or in a private mental hospital licensed by the department of mental health, the period of confinement for which benefits shall be payable shall be at least sixty days in any calendar year.

(b) In the case of benefits based upon confinement as an in-patient in a licensed or accredited general hospital, such benefits shall be no different than for any other illness.

(c) In the case of out-patient benefits, these shall cover, to the extent of five hundred dollars over a twelve-month period, services

furnished (1) by a comprehensive health service organization, (2) by a licensed or accredited hospital (3) or subject to the approval of the department of mental health services furnished by a community mental health center or other mental health clinic or day care center which furnishes mental health services or (4) consultations or diagnostic or treatment sessions, provided that such services under this clause are rendered by a psychotherapist or by a psychologist licensed under the provisions of chapter one hundred and twelve. For purposes of this clause "psychotherapist" shall mean a person fully licensed to practice medicine under the provisions of chapter one hundred and twelve, who devotes a substantial portion of his time to the practice of psychiatry.

SECTION 7. Sections one, three and five of this act shall apply to all policies, contracts, and certificates referred to therein issued on or after January first, nineteen hundred and seventy-four. Said sections shall cease to be operative on December thirty-first, nineteen hundred and seventy-five. Sections two, four and six of this act shall apply to all policies, contracts, and certificates referred to therein issued on or after January first, nineteen hundred and seventy-six.

Approved December 10, 1973.

Chap. 1175. AN ACT CREATING THE UNIVERSITY OF LOWELL AND PROVIDING FOR THE MERGER THEREIN OF THE LOWELL TECHNOLOGICAL INSTITUTE OF MASSACHUSETTS AND THE STATE COLLEGE AT LOWELL.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 1A of chapter 15 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out the first paragraph, as most recently amended by chapter 163 of the acts of 1972, and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph: —

There shall be in the department, but not subject to its control, a board of higher education, in this section and in sections one B, one C and one D called the board, consisting of a member of the board of trustees of the University of Massachusetts selected by majority vote of all the members of said board, a member of the board of trustees of state colleges selected by a majority vote of the members of said board having voting power, a member of the board of regional community colleges selected by majority vote of all its members and a member of the board of trustees of the University of Lowell selected by a majority vote of all the members of said board and a member of the board of trustees of the Southeastern Massachusetts University selected by a majority vote of all the members of said board, each of said five members to serve for a term of one year, and seven persons to be appointed by the governor, one of whom shall be a member of the governing board of a private institution of higher education in the commonwealth, one of whom shall be a member of a labor organization affiliated with the Massachusetts State Labor Council AFL-CIO and at least two of whom shall be women.