

Amendment to HB 1167

1 Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

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3 1 New Section; Child Welfare and Social Service Programs; Counseling. Amend RSA 161 by
4 inserting after section 2-b the following new section:

5 161:2-c Child Welfare and Social Service Programs; Counseling. Nothing in this chapter or any
6 other provision of law shall permit a state agency, or a public or private provider acting on behalf of
7 a state agency, to require individuals to participate in counseling that has no Current Procedural
8 Terminology (CPT) medical code, and thus is ineligible for insurance reimbursement.

9 2 Parental Rights and Responsibilities; Parenting Plan; Court Ordered Counseling. Amend RSA
10 461-A:4, III to read as follows:

11 III. If the parties are insured and the parenting plan directs the parties to participate in
12 counseling, the court shall give due consideration to selecting a counselor who accepts direct
13 payment from the parties' health insurance carrier. ***In no case shall the court require the***
14 ***parties to participate in any type of counseling that has no Current Procedural***
15 ***Terminology (CPT) medical code, and thus is ineligible for insurance reimbursement.***

16 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill provides that neither state agencies nor the courts shall require individuals to participate in counseling that has no Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) medical code and thus is ineligible for insurance reimbursement.