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**Representative LaRe
Cosponsor: Representative Miller, J.**

A BILL

To enact sections 3902.50 and 3902.51 of the 1
Revised Code to restrict cost sharing 2
requirements with regard to occupational and 3
physical therapists. 4

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That sections 3902.50 and 3902.51 of the 5
Revised Code be enacted to read as follows: 6

Sec. 3902.50. As used in sections 3902.50 and 3902.51 of 7
the Revised Code: 8

(A) "Health benefit plan" and "health plan issuer" have 9
the same meanings as in section 3922.01 of the Revised Code. 10

(B) "Cost sharing" means the cost to an individual covered 11
under a health benefit plan according to any coverage limit, 12
copayment, coinsurance, deductible, or other out-of-pocket 13
expense requirements imposed by a health benefit plan. 14

Sec. 3902.51. (A) On and after the effective date of this 15
section, and notwithstanding section 3901.71 of the Revised 16
Code, the cost sharing requirement, on a per day basis, imposed 17

by a health benefit plan for services rendered by an 18
occupational therapist or physical therapist licensed under 19
Chapter 4755. of the Revised Code shall not be greater than the 20
cost sharing requirement imposed by the plan for an office visit 21
to a primary care physician or primary care osteopath physician 22
licensed pursuant to Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code. 23

(B) A health plan issuer shall clearly state on its web 24
site and on all relevant literature that coverage for 25
occupational and physical therapy services is available under 26
the issuer's health benefit plans, as well as all related 27
limitations, conditions, and exclusions. 28

(C) A violation of this section shall be considered an 29
unfair and deceptive practice in the business of insurance under 30
sections 3901.19 to 3901.26 of the Revised Code. 31