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OB-GYN AS PRIMARY CARE PROVIDER

House Bill 4779

Sponsor: Rep. Rose Bogardus

House Bill 4780

Sponsor: Rep. Joseph Palamara

House Bill 4781

Sponsor: Rep. Lyn Bankes

Committee: Health Policy
Complete to 5-29-97

A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILLS 4779-4781 AS INTRODUCED 5-14-97

The bills would, in general, require health insurers to allow a female enrollee or member to designate a participating obstetrician-gynecologist as her primary care provider for those insurance plans that require enrollees or members to designate participating primary care providers, or to allow a female enrollee or member to see a participating obstetrician-gynecologist without prior authorization or referral, or both. Further, notice of an enrollee's or member's right to designate an obstetrician-gynecologist as a primary care provider or to have access to one without a prior authorization or referral would have to be included in communications sent to the individual or group purchaser of the coverage. The bills would take effect June 1, 1997.

House Bill 4779 would amend the Public Health Code (MCL 333.21053d) to apply to group and individual contracts of health maintenance organizations (HMOs). House Bill 4780 would amend the Insurance Code (MCL 500.3406j) to apply to expense-incurred hospital, medical, or surgical policies and certificates of commercial health insurance companies. House Bill 4781 would amend the Nonprofit Health Care Corporation Reform Act (MCL 550.401f) to apply to group and nongroup certificates of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Michigan.

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