

**Representative Judy Ann Buffmire** proposes to substitute the following bill:

**HEALTH INSURANCE - PRIMARY CARE**

**PROVIDER**

1998 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Sponsor: Judy Ann Buffmire**

AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE; PERMITTING A WOMAN TO SELECT AN  
OBSTETRICIAN/GYNECOLOGIST AS A PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIAN; AND  
PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

This act affects sections of Utah Code Annotated 1953 as follows:

ENACTS:

**31A-22-623**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

Section 1. Section **31A-22-623** is enacted to read:

**31A-22-623. Primary care physician.**

A disability insurance policy that requires an insured to select a primary care physician to  
receive optimum coverage:

(1) shall permit h [a female] AN h insured to select a participating provider who is an  
obstetrician/gynecologist and is qualified and willing to provide primary care services, as defined  
by the health care plan, as the insured's provider from whom primary care services are received;

(2) shall clearly state in literature explaining the policy the option available to female  
insureds under Subsection (1); and

(3) may not impose a higher premium, higher copayment requirement, or any other  
additional expense on an insured by virtue of the insured selecting a primary care physician in  
accordance with Subsection (1).

Section 3. **Effective date.**

1        This act takes effect on    ~~h [July 1, 1998]~~ JANUARY 1, 1999 h .

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