

Representative Judy Ann Buffmire proposes to substitute the following bill:

HEALTH INSURANCE - PRIMARY CARE

PROVIDER

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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 a female 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.**

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1 This act takes effect on July 1, 1998.