

1                                   **DIRECT ACCESS TO DERMATOLOGISTS**

2   1998 GENERAL SESSION

3   STATE OF UTAH

4   **Sponsor: Mike Dmitrich**

5 AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE; PERMITTING AN INSURED TO RECEIVE UP TO  
6 FIVE OUTPATIENT VISITS FROM A DERMATOLOGIST WITHOUT A REFERRAL  
7 FROM A PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIAN; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

9 ENACTS:

10           **31A-22-623**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

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

13           **31a-22-623. Direct access to dermatological services.**

14           A disability insurance policy that covers dermatological services:

15           (1) shall permit an insured to directly access and receive at least five outpatient visits per  
16 year from a participating provider who is a physician and who specializes in the practice of  
17 dermatology without any form of preauthorization, preapproval, or referral from a primary care  
18 physician;

19           (2) shall clearly state in literature explaining the policy the access permitted under  
20 Subsection (1); and

21           (3) may not impose a higher copayment requirement than that which applies to similar  
22 outpatient visits under the policy.

23           Section 2. **Effective date.**

24           This act takes effect on July 1, 1998.

**Legislative Review Note**  
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A limited legal review of this bill raises no obvious constitutional or statutory concerns.

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