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SENATOR D. WHITE, BANKING AND INSURANCE, IN SENATE, AS AMENDED,
SEPTEMBER 21, 2010

AN ACT

1 Providing for anatomic pathology service disclosure.

2 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
3 hereby enacts as follows:

4 Section 1. Short title.

5 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Anatomic
6 Pathology Service Disclosure Act.

7 Section 2. Definitions.

8 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
9 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
10 context clearly indicates otherwise:

11 "Anatomic pathology service." The term shall include:

12 (1) histopathology or surgical pathology, which means
13 the gross and microscopic examination of organ tissue
14 performed by a physician or under the supervision of a
15 physician, including histologic processing;

1 (2) cytopathology, which means the microscopic
2 examination of cells from the following:
3 (i) fluids;
4 (ii) aspirates;
5 (iii) washings;
6 (iv) brushings; or
7 (v) smears, including the Pap test examination
8 performed by a physician or under the supervision of a
9 physician;

10 (3) hematology, which means the microscopic evaluation
11 of bone marrow aspirates and biopsies performed by a
12 physician or under the supervision of a physician and
13 peripheral blood smears when the attending or treating
14 physician or technologist requests that a blood smear be
15 reviewed by the pathologist;

16 (4) subcellular pathology and molecular pathology; or

17 (5) blood-banking services performed by pathologists.

18 The term does not include the initial collection or packaging of
19 the specimen for transport.

20 "Health care provider." A person, corporation, facility or
21 institution licensed or otherwise authorized by the Commonwealth
22 to provide health care services, including, but not limited to,
23 a physician, coordinated care organization, hospital, health
24 care facility, dentist, nurse, optometrist, podiatrist, physical
25 therapist, psychologist, chiropractor or pharmacist and an
26 officer, employee or agent of the person acting in the course
27 and scope of employment or agency related to health care
28 services.

29 "PHYSICIAN." AN INDIVIDUAL LICENSED UNDER THE LAWS OF THIS
30 COMMONWEALTH TO PRACTICE MEDICINE AND SURGERY WITHIN THE SCOPE



1 OF THE ACT OF OCTOBER 5, 1978 (P.L.1109, NO.261), KNOWN AS THE
2 OSTEOPATHIC MEDICAL PRACTICE ACT, OR THE ACT OF DECEMBER 20,
3 1985 (P.L.457, NO.112), KNOWN AS THE MEDICAL PRACTICE ACT OF
4 1985.

5 Section 3. Disclosure requirement.

6 A ~~health care provider~~ PHYSICIAN or any physician group 
7 practice who orders but who does not supervise or perform a
8 component of an anatomic pathology service shall disclose in a
9 bill for the service presented to a patient, insurer or other
10 third-party payor:

11 (1) The name and address of the health care provider or
12 laboratory that provided the anatomic pathology service.

13 (2) The amount paid or to be paid for each anatomic
14 pathology service provided to the patient by the health care
15 provider or laboratory that performed the service.

16 Section 4. Penalties.

17 A violation of this act by a ~~health care provider~~ PHYSICIAN 
18 shall constitute grounds for disciplinary action to be taken by
19 the applicable board under ~~an~~ THE applicable licensing statute. 

20 Section 20. Effective date.

21 This act shall take effect in 60 days.