

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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THOMAS, TIGUE, TRELLO, TRUE, WILLIAMS AND WOJNAROSKI,
APRIL 13, 1999

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE, APRIL 13, 1999

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of April 22, 1994 (P.L.136, No.20), entitled
2 "An act mandating health insurance coverage of annual
3 gynecological examinations and routine pap smears; and making
4 repeals," further providing for legislative findings and for
5 mandated coverage.

6 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
7 hereby enacts as follows:

8 Section 1. Sections 2 and 4 of the act of April 22, 1994
9 (P.L.136, No.20), known as the Women's Preventative Health
10 Services Act, are amended by adding paragraphs to read:

11 Section 2. Declaration of policy.

12 The General Assembly finds and declares as follows:

13 * * *

14 (8) Technological advances in medical science have led to

1 the development of newer tests which yield results superior to
2 those obtained with the conventional cerviocol vaginal
3 papanicolaou test or pap smear.

4 (9) In 1996, the United States Food and Drug Administration
5 approved the fluid-based, thin-layer preparation test as a
6 replacement for the conventional cerviocol vaginal papanicolaou
7 test or pap smear.

8 Section 4. Mandated coverage.

9 A health insurance policy which is delivered, issued for
10 delivery, renewed, extended or modified in this Commonwealth by
11 a health care insurer shall provide that the health insurance
12 benefits applicable under the policy include coverage for
13 periodic health maintenance to include:

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15 (3) Other cervical cancer screening methods approved by
16 the United States Food and Drug Administration. Such
17 screening shall include fluid-based, thin-layer preparation
18 tests.

19 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 120 days.