

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1711 Session of
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C. WILLIAMS, J. WILLIAMS, WOJNAROSKI AND YOUNGBLOOD,
JUNE 6, 2001

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE, JUNE 6, 2001

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of May 17, 1921 (P.L.682, No.284), entitled "An
2 act relating to insurance; amending, revising, and
3 consolidating the law providing for the incorporation of
4 insurance companies, and the regulation, supervision, and
5 protection of home and foreign insurance companies, Lloyds
6 associations, reciprocal and inter-insurance exchanges, and
7 fire insurance rating bureaus, and the regulation and
8 supervision of insurance carried by such companies,
9 associations, and exchanges, including insurance carried by
10 the State Workmen's Insurance Fund; providing penalties; and
11 repealing existing laws," providing for notification of
12 clinical trial insurance coverage.

13 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
14 hereby enacts as follows:

15 Section 1. The act of May 17, 1921 (P.L.682, No.284), known
16 as The Insurance Company Law of 1921, is amended by adding a
17 section read:

18 Section 631.1. Notification of Clinical Trial Coverage.--(a)
19 An insurer shall notify an insured of clinical trial services
20 that qualify for coverage under the insured's health insurance

1 policy.

2 (b) (1) The term "insurer" when used in this section means
3 any entity that issues an individual or group health insurance
4 policy.

5 (2) The term "health insurance policy" when used in this
6 section means any individual or group health insurance policy,
7 subscriber contract, certificate or plan which provides medical
8 or health care coverage by any health care facility or licensed
9 health care provider which is offered by or is governed under
10 this act or any of the following:

11 (i) Subarticle (f) of Article IV of the act of June 13, 1967
12 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the "Public Welfare Code."

13 (ii) The act of December 29, 1972 (P.L.1701, No.364), known
14 as the "Health Maintenance Organization Act."

15 (iii) The act of May 18, 1976 (P.L.123, No.54), known as the
16 "Individual Accident and Sickness Insurance Minimum Standards
17 Act."

18 (iv) The act of December 14, 1992 (P.L.835, No.134), known
19 as the "Fraternal Benefit Societies Code."

20 (v) A nonprofit corporation subject to 40 Pa.C.S. Chs. 61
21 (relating to hospital plan corporations) and 63 (relating to
22 professional health services plan corporations).

23 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.