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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, JUNE 17, 2008

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## AN ACT

1 Providing for copies of patient test results to be sent directly  
2 to patients.

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

5 Section 1. Short title.

6 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Patient Test  
7 Result Information Act.

8 Section 2. Definitions.

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

12 "Diagnostic imaging services." Services that include any of  
13 the following:

14 (1) Magnetic resonance imaging.

- 1           (2) Nuclear medicine.
- 2           (3) Angiography.
- 3           (4) Arteriography.
- 4           (5) Computerized axial tomography.
- 5           (6) Positron emission tomography.
- 6           (7) Digital vascular imaging.
- 7           (8) Bronchoscopy.
- 8           (9) Lymphangiography.
- 9           (10) Splenography.
- 10          (11) Ultrasound.
- 11          (12) EEG.
- 12          (13) EKG.
- 13          (14) Nerve conduction studies.
- 14          (15) Evoked potentials.

15 Section 3. Test results.

16       An entity performing diagnostic imaging services with the  
17 exception of routine obstetrical ultrasounds used to monitor the  
18 development of a fetus in which no adverse medical condition is  
19 diagnosed, shall send directly to the patient a written copy OF <—  
20 THE SUMMARY of the test results of diagnostic imaging services  
21 performed on the patient within ~~five~~ TEN days of sending the <—  
22 test results to the patient's ~~physician~~. PRESCRIBING PHYSICIAN. <—  
23 THE WRITTEN COPY OF THE SUMMARY OF THE TEST RESULTS MAY BE SENT  
24 DIRECTLY TO THE PATIENT ELECTRONICALLY BY E-MAIL OR FACSIMILE.

25 Section 4. Effective date.

26       This act shall take effect in 60 days.