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AN ACT

1 Requiring advice of the need of a cytology (Papanicolaou) test  
2 for uterine cancer detection of any woman receiving hospital  
3 care, for the purpose of detecting uterine cancer early and  
4 reducing the morbidity and mortality therefrom.

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

7 Section 1. Any female of childbearing age or older who is  
8 accepted for any reason, either as an inpatient or outpatient,  
9 in any hospital or clinic defined as such by the Commonwealth  
10 shall be advised of the purpose of and the availability of tests  
11 for the detection of uterine cancer, of an appropriate cytology  
12 test of the Papanicolaou type, to be examined and reported upon  
13 by an appropriate, qualified cytologist in a laboratory approved  
14 by the Department of Health.

15 Section 2. The Pennsylvania Department of Health is hereby  
16 authorized to prepare directives to hospitals and clinics to  
17 include in the patient medical records a section indicating  
18 whether advisement of the intent and availability of tests is  
19 applicable, the date when such advice and information was

1 offered and the name or initials of the person offering such  
2 advice and information. The attending physician shall be  
3 responsible for insuring that this form is completed.

4 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.