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AS AMENDED ON SECOND CONSIDERATION, IN SENATE, FEBRUARY 22, 1982

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 40 (Insurance) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, further providing for physical therapy services.

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

5 Section 1. The definitions of "health service doctor" and
6 "professional health services" in subsection (a) and subsection
7 (b) of section 6302, subsection (f) of section 6322 of TITLE 40, <—
8 ACT OF NOVEMBER 25, 1970 (P.L.707, NO.230), KNOWN AS the
9 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, are amended and a definition
10 is added to section 6302 to read:

11 § 6302. Definitions.

12 (a) General rule.--The following words and phrases when used
13 in this chapter shall have, unless the context clearly indicates
14 otherwise, the meanings given to them in this section:

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1 "Health service doctor." A doctor of dental surgery, doctor
2 of medicine, doctor of optometry, doctor of osteopathy, doctor
3 of podiatry [or], doctor of chiropractic or licensed physical
4 therapist.

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6 "Physical therapy services." The general and usual services
7 rendered and care administered by licensed physical therapists,
8 as defined as "physical therapy" in the act of October 10, 1975
9 (P.L.383, No.110), known as the "Physical Therapy Practice Act."

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11 "Professional health services." Dental services, medical
12 services, optometric services, osteopathic services, podiatry
13 services, chiropractic services, physical therapy services or
14 any one or more of them.

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16 (b) Rule of construction.--The definitions specified in
17 subsection (a) of this section are for the purposes of this
18 chapter only, and not for the purpose of defining dental
19 practice, medical practice, optometric practice, osteopathic
20 practice, podiatry practice [or], chiropractic practice or
21 physical therapy practice as such.

22 § 6322. Scope of service.

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24 (f) Legislative amendment of stated purposes of existing
25 corporations.--The stated purposes of all existing general
26 medical service corporations are hereby amended so as to include
27 the furnishing of osteopathic, dental, optometric, podiatry
28 [and], chiropractic and physical therapy services through
29 doctors of osteopathy, dentistry, optometry, podiatry and
30 chiropractic and through licensed physical therapists,

1 respectively.

2 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.