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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 40 (Insurance) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
2 Statutes, providing for occupational 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 section 6302(a) of Title 40 of  
7 the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended and the  
8 subsection is amended by adding a definition to read:

9 § 6302. Definitions.

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

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14 "Health service doctor." A doctor of dental surgery, doctor  
15 of medicine, doctor of optometry, doctor of osteopathy, doctor  
16 of podiatry, doctor of chiropractic, licensed physical

1 therapist, licensed occupational therapist, certified registered  
2 nurse anesthetist, certified registered nurse practitioner,  
3 certified enterostomal therapy nurse, certified community health  
4 nurse, certified psychiatric mental health nurse, certified  
5 clinical nurse specialist, licensed psychologist, licensed  
6 speech-language pathologist, licensed audiologist or licensed  
7 teacher of persons who are hearing impaired.

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9 "Occupational therapy services." The general and usual  
10 services rendered and care administered by licensed occupational  
11 therapists, as defined as "occupational therapy" in the act of  
12 June 15, 1982 (P.L.502, No.140), known as the Occupational  
13 Therapy Practice Act.

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15 "Professional health services." Dental services, medical  
16 services, optometric services, osteopathic services, podiatry  
17 services, chiropractic services, physical therapy services,  
18 occupational therapy services, psychological services, speech-  
19 language pathology services, audiology services, services of  
20 teachers of persons who are hearing impaired, certified  
21 registered nurse services provided by a certified registered  
22 nurse at any time except when the certified registered nurse is  
23 acting as an employee of a health care facility or of an  
24 anesthesiology group or any one or more of them, provided any of  
25 the above-listed services are medically necessary.

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27 Section 2. Section 6322(f) of Title 40 is amended to read:  
28 § 6322. Scope of service.

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30 (f) Legislative amendment of stated purposes of existing

1 corporations.--The stated purposes of all existing general  
2 medical service corporations are hereby amended so as to include  
3 the furnishing of osteopathic, dental, optometric, podiatry,  
4 chiropractic, physical therapy, occupational therapy,  
5 psychological, speech-language pathology and audiology services  
6 and the services of teachers of persons who are hearing impaired  
7 through doctors of osteopathy, dentistry, optometry, podiatry  
8 and chiropractic and through licensed physical therapists,  
9 licensed occupational therapists, psychologists, speech-language  
10 pathologists, audiologists and teachers of persons who are  
11 hearing impaired, respectively.

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