

## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## SENATE BILL

No. 998 Session of  
2007INTRODUCED BY McILHINNEY, O'PAKE, WASHINGTON, RAFFERTY AND  
RHOADES, JUNE 25, 2007

AS AMENDED ON SECOND CONSIDERATION, APRIL 1, 2008

## AN ACT

1 Amending Title 40 (Insurance) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
2 Statutes, providing for clinical social work 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 "Clinical social work services." The general and usual  
15 services rendered and care administered by A licensed clinical <—  
16 social workers as defined as the "practice of clinical social <—  
17 work" in the act of July 9, 1987 (P.L.220, No.39), known as the

Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional  
Counselors Act WORKER.

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"Health service doctor." A doctor of dental surgery, doctor of medicine, doctor of optometry, doctor of osteopathy, doctor of podiatry, doctor of chiropractic, licensed physical therapist, licensed clinical social worker, certified registered nurse anesthetist, certified registered nurse practitioner, certified enterostomal therapy nurse, certified community health nurse, certified psychiatric mental health nurse, certified clinical nurse specialist, licensed psychologist, licensed speech-language pathologist, licensed audiologist or licensed teacher of persons who are hearing impaired.

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"LICENSED CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER." AS DEFINED IN SECTION 3  
OF THE ACT OF JULY 9, 1987 (P.L.220, NO.39), KNOWN AS THE SOCIAL  
WORKERS, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS AND PROFESSIONAL  
COUNSELORS ACT.

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"Professional health services." Dental services, medical services, optometric services, osteopathic services, podiatry services, chiropractic services, physical therapy services, clinical social work services, psychological services, speech-language pathology services, audiology services, services of teachers of persons who are hearing impaired, certified registered nurse services provided by a certified registered nurse at any time except when the certified registered nurse is acting as an employee of a health care facility or of an anesthesiology group or any one or more of them, provided any of the above-listed services are medically necessary.

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2       Section 2. Section 6322(f) of Title 40 is amended to read:

3   § 6322. Scope of service.

4       \* \* \*

5       (f) Legislative amendment of stated purposes of existing  
6 corporations.--The stated purposes of all existing general  
7 medical service corporations are hereby amended so as to include  
8 the furnishing of osteopathic, dental, optometric, podiatry,  
9 chiropractic, physical therapy, clinical social work,  
10 psychological, speech-language pathology and audiology services  
11 and the services of teachers of persons who are hearing impaired  
12 through doctors of osteopathy, dentistry, optometry, podiatry  
13 and chiropractic and through licensed physical therapists,  
14 licensed clinical social workers, psychologists, speech-language  
15 pathologists, audiologists and teachers of persons who are  
16 hearing impaired, respectively.

17      Section 3. This act shall take effect in 180 days.