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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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GEIST, STERN AND HERSHEY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1995

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE, SEPTEMBER 18, 1995

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AN ACT

1 Providing for certain health insurance benefits to aid the  
2 health and well-being of mother and child following the birth  
3 of a child.

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

6 Section 1. Short title.

7 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Mother and  
8 Infant Health Security Act.

9 Section 2. Health benefit contract.

10 Every individual or group health benefits contract that  
11 provides maternity benefits and is delivered, issued, executed  
12 or renewed in this Commonwealth pursuant to the act of May 18,  
13 1976 (P.L.123, No.54), known as the Individual Accident and  
14 Sickness Insurance Minimum Standards Act, or approved for  
15 issuance or renewal in this Commonwealth by the Insurance  
16 Commissioner on or after the effective date of this act shall

1 provide coverage for a minimum of 48 hours of inpatient care,  
2 excluding the day of delivery, for the mother and the newborn  
3 after childbirth, except as otherwise provided in this act.

4 Section 3. Utilization review standards.

5 (a) Length of stay.--A plan for utilization review  
6 standards, including those standards applied to determine length  
7 of stay and inpatient services related to maternity and newborn  
8 care, shall be applied in accordance with the medical criteria  
9 outlined in the most current version of the "Guidelines for  
10 Perinatal Care" prepared by the American Academy of Pediatrics  
11 and the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.

12 (b) Medical stability.--A plan may provide coverage for a  
13 shorter length of hospital inpatient stay for services related  
14 to maternity and newborn care provided that the mother and the  
15 newborn meet the criteria for medical stability in the  
16 "Guidelines for Perinatal Care" and the plan provides coverage  
17 for an initial postpartum home visit for the mother and child.

18 Section 4. Effective date.

19 This act shall take effect in 60 days.