

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 174 Session of
1997

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REFERRED TO BANKING AND INSURANCE, JANUARY 21, 1997

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of May 17, 1921 (P.L.682, No.284), entitled "An
2 act relating to insurance; amending, revising, and
3 consolidating the law providing for the incorporation of
4 insurance companies, and the regulation, supervision, and
5 protection of home and foreign insurance companies, Lloyds
6 associations, reciprocal and inter-insurance exchanges, and
7 fire insurance rating bureaus, and the regulation and
8 supervision of insurance carried by such companies,
9 associations, and exchanges, including insurance carried by
10 the State Workmen's Insurance Fund; providing penalties; and
11 repealing existing laws," adding definitions relating to
12 preferred provider organizations.

13 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
14 hereby enacts as follows:

15 Section 1. Section 630 of the act of May 17, 1921 (P.L.682,
16 No.284), known as The Insurance Company Law of 1921, is amended
17 by adding a subsection to read:

18 Section 630. Preferred Provider Organizations.--* * *

19 (i) As used in this section the following words and phrases
20 shall have the meanings given to them in this subsection:

21 "Health care plan." An insurance contract providing coverage
22 of health care expenses.

1 "Preferred provider organization." A health care plan which
2 limits participation in it to providers selected by the health
3 care plan and which covers and provides, at a minimum, physician
4 services and hospital services, including routine and emergency
5 health services.

6 "Provider." A hospital or other health care facility, a
7 health care professional or a health care service or
8 organization.

9 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.