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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE, MARCH 9, 2007

AN ACT

1 Providing for insurance coverage of congenital orofacial
2 anomalies.

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

5 Section 1. Short title.

6 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Insurance
7 Coverage for Congenital Orofacial Anomalies Act.

8 Section 2. Definitions.

9 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
10 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
11 context clearly indicates otherwise:

12 "Congenital orofacial anomalies." Defects from birth
13 creating extension of the mouth and jaw including, but not
14 limited to, cleft palate and impaction.

15 "Orthognathic surgery." Surgical correction of abnormalities

1 of the mandible, maxilla or both.

2 Section 3. Insurance coverage of congenital orofacial
3 anomalies.

4 All group or individual health or sickness or accident
5 insurance policies providing hospital or medical/surgical
6 coverage and all group or individual subscriber contracts or
7 certificates issued by any entity subject to 40 Pa.C.S. Ch. 61
8 (relating to hospital plan corporations) or 63 (relating to
9 professional health services plan corporations), the act of May
10 17, 1921 (P.L.682, No.284), known as The Insurance Company Law
11 of 1921, and the act of December 29, 1972 (P.L.1701, No.364),
12 known as the Health Maintenance Organization Act, shall provide
13 coverage for the full treatment of congenital orofacial
14 anomalies. Treatment shall include, but not be limited to:

15 (1) Surgery and surgical management, including
16 orthognathic surgery.

17 (2) Orthodontic treatment and management.

18 (3) Speech therapy.

19 (4) Hospitalization, as required.

20 Section 4. Applicability.

21 This act shall not apply to the following types of policies:

22 (1) Accident only.

23 (2) Limited benefit.

24 (3) Credit.

25 (4) Dental.

26 (5) Vision.

27 (6) Specified disease.

28 (7) Medicare supplement.

29 (8) Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed
30 Services (CHAMPUS) supplement.

1 (9) Long-term care or disability income.

2 (10) Workers' compensation.

3 (11) Automobile medical payment.

4 Section 5. Effective date.

5 This act shall take effect in 60 days.