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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE, APRIL 3, 2007

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," providing, in quality health care  
12 accountability and protection, for mental health services;  
13 and further providing, in quality health care accountability  
14 and protection, for procedures.

15 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

1 hereby enacts as follows:

2 Section 1. The act of May 17, 1921 (P.L.682, No.284), known  
3 as The Insurance Company Law of 1921, is amended by adding a  
4 section to read:

5 Section 2116.1. Mental Health Services.--(a) If an enrollee  
6 has obtained a referral or other authorization through  
7 utilization review from a managed care plan or a licensed  
8 insurer to receive outpatient mental health care services from a  
9 health care provider or specialist, such referral or other  
10 authorization shall constitute a standing referral for any  
11 subsequent outpatient mental health care services provided by  
12 any health care provider or specialist until the mental health  
13 care service for which the referral or authorization was  
14 approved has reached its conclusion.

15 Section 2. Section 2121(b) of the act, added June 17, 1998  
16 (P.L.464, No.68), is amended to read:

17 Section 2121. Procedures.--\* \* \*

18 (b) The department shall establish credentialing standards  
19 for managed care plans. The department may adopt nationally  
20 recognized accrediting standards to establish the credentialing  
21 standards for managed care plans. With respect to outpatient  
22 behavioral health services, the managed care plan or licensed  
23 insurer shall inform credentialing applicants of a decision  
24 within ninety (90) days after the complete application has been  
25 submitted.

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