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AN ACT

1 Providing for transgender health benefits.

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

4 Section 1. Short title.

5 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Transgender  
6 Health Benefits Act.

7 Section 2. Definitions.

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

11 "Health insurance carrier." An entity that offers or issues  
12 a health insurance plan and is subject to any of the following:

13 (1) the act of May 17, 1921 (P.L.682, No.284), known as  
14 The Insurance Company Law of 1921;

15 (2) the act of December 29, 1972 (P.L.1701, No.364),  
16 known as the Health Maintenance Organization Act;

17 (3) 40 Pa.C.S. Ch. 61 (relating to hospital plan

1 corporations) or 63 (relating to professional health services  
2 plan corporations); or

3 (4) a State program of medical assistance established  
4 under Article IV(f) of the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31,  
5 No.21), known as the Public Welfare Code.

6 "Health insurance plan." A policy, contract, certificate or  
7 agreement offered or issued by a carrier to provide, deliver,  
8 arrange for, pay for or reimburse the costs of health care  
9 services.

10 Section 3. Transgender health benefits.

11 Every health insurance carrier that offers a health insurance  
12 plan shall include coverage in each plan for treatment of gender  
13 dysphoria and gender identity disorder, including medically  
14 necessary office visits, laboratory tests, prescription drugs,  
15 hormone treatments, counseling and transitional surgeries  
16 necessary for the treatment of either.

17 Section 4. Effective date.

18 This act shall take effect in 90 days.