

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE, APRIL 3, 2024

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," in casualty insurance, providing
 12 for coverage for blood pressure monitors.

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

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

18 Section 635.9. Coverage for Blood Pressure Monitors.--(a) A
 19 health insurance policy that is offered, issued or renewed in
 20 this Commonwealth shall provide coverage, including
 21 reimbursement, for blood pressure monitors for pregnant or

1 postpartum insureds for each pregnancy.

2 (b) As used in this section:

3 "Health insurance policy" means a policy, subscriber
4 contract, certificate or plan issued by a health insurer that
5 provides medical or health care coverage. The term does not
6 include any of the following:

7 (1) An accident only policy.

8 (2) A credit only policy.

9 (3) A long-term care or disability income policy.

10 (4) A specified disease policy.

11 (5) A Medicare supplement policy.

12 (6) A fixed indemnity policy.

13 (7) A hospital indemnity policy.

14 (8) A dental only policy.

15 (9) A vision only policy.

16 (10) A workers' compensation policy.

17 (11) An automobile medical payment policy.

18 (12) A policy under which benefits are provided by the
19 Federal Government to active or former military personnel and
20 their dependents.

21 (13) Any other similar policy providing for limited
22 benefits.

23 "Insurer" means an entity licensed by the department that
24 offers, issues or renews an individual or group health insurance
25 policy that is offered or governed under any of the following:

26 (1) This act, including section 630 and Article XXIV.

27 (2) The act of December 29, 1972 (P.L.1701, No.364), known
28 as the "Health Maintenance Organization Act."

29 (3) 40 Pa.C.S. Ch. 61 (relating to hospital plan
30 corporations) or 63 (relating to professional health services

1 plan corporations).

2 "Postpartum" means within one year of delivery or the end of
3 pregnancy.

4 Section 2. The following shall apply:

5 (1) For a health insurance policy for which either rates
6 or forms are required to be filed with the Federal Government
7 or the Insurance Department, section 635.9 of the act shall
8 apply to a policy for which a form or rate is first filed on
9 or after the effective date of this paragraph.

10 (2) For a health insurance policy for which neither
11 rates nor forms are required to be filed with the Federal
12 Government or the Insurance Department, section 635.9 of the
13 act shall apply to a policy issued or renewed on or after 180
14 days after the effective date of this paragraph.

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