

HUMAN RESOURCES

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for standing referrals made by a primary care
2 physician.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 514F.6 STANDING REFERRAL.

2 1. A third-party payor shall not deny coverage for
3 services provided by a specialist which are covered under a
4 policy or contract or plan provided by the third-party payor
5 solely because such services are provided under a standing
6 referral given to the patient by the patient's primary care
7 physician.

8 2. For purposes of this section, unless the context
9 otherwise requires:

10 a. "Physician" means a person who is licensed under
11 chapter 148, 150, or 150A.

12 b. "Standing referral" means a referral given by a
13 physician to a patient to see a specialist. Such referral is
14 deemed to permit the patient to see the specialist under the
15 referral as deemed necessary by the patient.

16 c. "Third-party payor" means a carrier, as defined in
17 section 513B.2; an organized delivery system authorized under
18 1993 Iowa Acts, chapter 158, and licensed by the director of
19 public health; or a plan established pursuant to chapter 509A
20 for public employees.

21 EXPLANATION

22 This bill provides that a third-party payor shall not deny
23 coverage for services provided by a specialist which are
24 covered under a policy or contract or plan provided by the
25 third-party payor if such services are provided under a
26 standing referral given to the patient by the patient's
27 primary care physician. The bill defines "standing referral"
28 as a referral given by a physician to a patient to see a
29 specialist, and that is deemed to permit the patient to see
30 the specialist under the referral as deemed necessary by the
31 patient.

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