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SYNOPSIS:

AN ACT

Amending the act of December 29, 1972 (P.L.1701, No.364), entitled "An act providing for the establishment of nonprofit corporations having the purpose of establishing, maintaining and operating a health service plan; providing for supervision and certain regulations by the Insurance Department and the Department of Health; giving the Insurance Commissioner and the Secretary of Health certain powers and duties; exempting the nonprofit corporations from certain taxes and providing penalties," further providing for the definition of "basic health services"; and providing for the definition of "cervical cancer screening".

NOTICE:

[A> UPPERCASE TEXT WITHIN THESE SYMBOLS IS ADDED <A]

[D> Text within these symbols is deleted <D]

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

Section 1. The definition of "basic health services" in section 3 of the act of December 29, 1972 (P.L.1701, No.364), known as the Health Maintenance Organization Act, amended December 19, 1980 (P.L.1300, No.234), is amended and the section is amended by adding a definition to read:

Section 3. Definitions. As used in this act:

"Basic health services" means those health services, including as a minimum, [D> but not limited to, <D] emergency care, inpatient hospital and physician care, ambulatory physician care, [D> and <D] outpatient and preventive medical services [D> . <D] [A> AND CERVICAL

CANCER SCREENING. <A]

[A> "CERVICAL CANCER SCREENING" MEANS EXAMINATIONS AND LABORATORY TESTS CONDUCTED FOR EARLY DETECTION OF CERVICAL CANCER UTILIZING CONVENTIONAL PAP SMEAR TEST OR LIQUID-BASED CYTOLOGY METHODS, AS APPROVED BY THE UNITED STATES FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, IN CONJUNCTION WITH A TEST APPROVED BY THE UNITED STATES FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION FOR THE DETECTION OF THE HUMAN PAPILOMA VIRUS (HPV), IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MOST CURRENT SCREENING GUIDELINES FROM THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNECOLOGISTS. <A]

Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.

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