

SB 587

THE STATE SENATE  
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Senate Bill No. 587

SENATE BILL NO. 587 - By: CAIN, HORNER, LAWLER, MONSON, RILEY and WILLIAMS of the Senate and HAMILTON, BLACKBURN, EASLEY, McINTYRE, STAGGS and TIBBS of the House.

An Act relating to insurance; requiring provision of specified coverage by certain health benefit plans; prohibiting diminishing or limiting of certain diagnostic benefits; specifying services to be covered; defining term; stating nonapplicability of term; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 6060.3a of Title 36, unless there is created duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Any health benefit plan, including the Oklahoma State and Education Employees Group Health Insurance Plan, that is offered, issued or renewed in this state on or after January 1, 2004, that provides medical and surgical benefits shall provide coverage for routine annual obstetrical/gynecological examinations in accordance with standard, accepted, published medical practice guidelines.

B. The benefit required to be provided by this section shall in no way diminish or limit diagnostic benefits otherwise allowable under a health benefit plan.

C. The routine annual obstetrical/gynecological examination coverage shall be those services defined by the published

1 recommendations of the accreditation council for graduate medical  
2 education for training an obstetrician, gynecologist or  
3 obstetrician/gynecologist including, but not limited to, diagnosis,  
4 treatment and referral for such services.

5 D. As used in this section, "health benefit plan" means group  
6 hospital or medical insurance coverage, a not-for-profit hospital or  
7 medical service or indemnity plan, a prepaid health plan, a health  
8 maintenance organization plan, a preferred provider organization  
9 plan, the Oklahoma State and Education Employees Group Health  
10 Insurance Plan, and coverage provided by a Multiple Employer Welfare  
11 Arrangement (MEWA) or employee self-insured plan except as exempt  
12 under federal ERISA provisions. The term shall not include short-  
13 term, accident, fixed indemnity or specified disease policies,  
14 disability income contracts, limited benefit or credit disability  
15 insurance, workers' compensation insurance coverage, automobile  
16 medical payment insurance, or insurance under which benefits are  
17 payable with or without regard to fault and which is required by law  
18 to be contained in any liability insurance policy or equivalent  
19 self-insurance.

20 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2003.

21 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES, dated 2-20-03 -  
22 DO PASS, As Coauthored.