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TPA: OB-GYN

Senate Bill 1084 (as introduced 4-23-98)

Sponsor: Senator Leon Stille

Committee: Health Policy and Senior Citizens

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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Third Party Administrator (TPA) Act to prohibit a TPA from entering into a service contract to administer a plan that required a covered individual to designate a participating primary care provider, and provided for annual well-woman examinations and routine obstetrical and gynecologic (OB-GYN) services, unless the plan:

- -- Permitted a female covered individual to have access to an OB-GYN for annual well-woman examinations and routine OB-GYN services.
- -- Did not require prior authorization or referral for access to an OB-GYN who participated with the plan. This would not prohibit a plan from requiring authorization or referral for access to a nonparticipating OB-GYN.

The bill would take effect October 1, 1998.

FISCAL IMPACT

Proposed MCL 550.933

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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