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House Bill 4779 (Substitute S-1 as reported) Sponsor: Representative Rose Bogardus

House Committee: Health Policy

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## CONTENT

The bill would amend the Public Health Code to require health maintenance organizations (HMOs) to permit female enrollees to have access to an obstetrician-gynecologist (ob-gyn) for annual well-woman examinations and routine obstetrical and gynecologic services, if an enrollee were required to designate a participating primary care provider.

An HMO could not require prior authorization or referral for access to an ob-gyn who was affiliated with the HMO or who was participating with the insurer. An HMO could, however, require prior authorization or referral for access to a nonaffiliated ob-gyn. In addition, an HMO would have to include a description of the coverage in a communication sent to the individual or group purchaser of coverage.

Proposed MCL 333.21053d Legislative Analyst: L. Arasim

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

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

Date Completed: 11-12-98 Fiscal Analyst: J. Walker