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Senate Bill 152 (as enrolled) **PUBLIC ACT 412 of 1998**

Sponsor: Senator Leon Stille

Senate Committee: Health Policy and Senior Citizens

House Committee: Health Policy

Date Completed: 1-8-99

CONTENT

The bill amended the Nonprofit Health Care Corporation Reform Act, which governs Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Michigan, to provide that a health care corporation certificate that requires a member to designate a participating primary care provider and provides for annual well-woman examinations and routine obstetrical and gynecologic services, must permit a female member to have access to an obstetriciangynecologist (OB-GYN) for those examinations and services. A health care corporation may not require prior authorization or referral for access under the bill to an OB-GYN who participates with the health care corporation, but may require prior authorization or referral for access to a nonparticipating OB-GYN.

A health care corporation must include a description of the benefit provided under the bill in a communication sent to the individual or group purchaser of coverage.

MCL 550.1401f Legislative Analyst: N. Nagata

FISCAL IMPACT

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

Fiscal Analyst: J. Walker

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