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To: Insurance

SENATE BILL NO. 2730

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR MANDATORY HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR
2 BONE MASS MEASUREMENT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

4 SECTION 1. (1) Any hospital, health or medical expense
5 insurance policy, hospital or medical service contract, employee
6 welfare benefit plan, health and accident insurance policy, or any
7 other insurance contract of this type, including a group insurance
8 plan, and a self-insurance plan that provides medical and surgical
9 benefits for accident and health services, which is delivered or
10 issued for delivery in this state on or after January 1, 2001,
11 shall include coverage for a qualified individual for
12 scientifically proven bone mass measurement for the diagnosis and
13 treatment of osteoporosis.

14 (2) As used in this section, the following definitions shall
15 apply:

16 (a) "Bone mass measurement" means a radiologic or
17 radioisotopic procedure or other scientifically proven
18 technologies performed on an individual for the purpose of
19 identifying bone mass or detecting bone loss.

20 (b) "Qualified individual" means:

21 (i) An estrogen deficient woman at clinical risk
22 of osteoporosis who is considering treatment.

23 (ii) An individual receiving long-term steroid
24 therapy.

25 (iii) An individual being monitored to assess the
26 response to or efficacy of approved osteoporosis drug therapies.

27 (3) Nothing in this section shall apply to individually
28 underwritten limited benefit health insurance policies.

29 (4) Any health insurance policy or benefit program in effect
30 prior to January 1, 2001, shall be amended on its renewal date to
31 conform to the provisions of this section.

32 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
33 and after July 1, 2000.