

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect January 1, 1996.

Approved May 9, 1995.

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CHAPTER 159

(Senate Bill 333)

AN ACT concerning

**Health Insurance - ~~Routine~~ Routine Gynecological Care**

FOR the purpose of requiring certain insurers and nonprofit health service plans, including health maintenance organizations, to permit a woman, who does not choose an obstetrician/gynecologist as her primary care provider, to receive an annual visit to an in-network obstetrician/gynecologist for ~~routine~~ routine gynecological care under certain circumstances; and generally relating to ~~routine~~ routine gynecological care in health insurance.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article 48A - Insurance Code  
Section 490Z  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1994 Replacement Volume and 1994 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article - Health - General  
Section 19-706(k)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1990 Replacement Volume and 1994 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article 48A - Insurance Code**

490Z.

(A) Any insurer or nonprofit health service plan that provides hospital, medical, or surgical benefits for issuance or delivery in the State to any group or individual on an expense-incurred basis, including a health maintenance organization, shall:

- (1) Classify an obstetrician/gynecologist as a primary care physician; or
- (2) Permit a woman to receive an annual visit to an in-network obstetrician/gynecologist for ~~routine~~ routine gynecological care without requiring the woman to first visit a primary care provider.