

in-network obstetrician/gynecologist for routine] gynecological care FROM AN IN-NETWORK OBSTETRICIAN/GYNECOLOGIST without requiring the woman to first visit a primary care provider, PROVIDED THAT:

(I) THE CARE IS MEDICALLY NECESSARY, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, CARE THAT IS ROUTINE; ~~AND~~

(II) FOLLOWING EACH VISIT FOR GYNECOLOGICAL CARE, THE OBSTETRICIAN/GYNECOLOGIST COMMUNICATES WITH THE WOMAN'S PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIAN CONCERNING ANY DIAGNOSIS OR TREATMENT RENDERED; AND

(III) THE OBSTETRICIAN/GYNECOLOGIST CONFERS WITH THE PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIAN BEFORE PERFORMING ANY DIAGNOSTIC PROCEDURE THAT IS NOT ROUTINE GYNECOLOGICAL CARE RENDERED DURING AN ANNUAL VISIT.

Article - Health - General

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(k) (1) A health maintenance organization shall:

(i) Classify an obstetrician/gynecologist as a primary care physician; or

(ii) [Permit] IF THE OBSTETRICIAN/GYNECOLOGIST CHOOSES NOT TO BE A PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIAN, PERMIT a woman to receive [an annual visit to an in-network obstetrician/gynecologist for routine] gynecological care FROM AN IN-NETWORK OBSTETRICIAN/GYNECOLOGIST without requiring the woman to first visit a primary care provider, PROVIDED THAT:

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2. FOLLOWING EACH VISIT FOR GYNECOLOGICAL CARE, THE OBSTETRICIAN/GYNECOLOGIST COMMUNICATES WITH THE WOMAN'S PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIAN CONCERNING ANY DIAGNOSIS OR TREATMENT RENDERED; AND

3. THE OBSTETRICIAN/GYNECOLOGIST CONFERS WITH THE PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIAN BEFORE PERFORMING ANY DIAGNOSTIC PROCEDURE THAT IS NOT ROUTINE GYNECOLOGICAL CARE RENDERED DURING AN ANNUAL VISIT.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1996.

Approved May 23, 1996.