

(C) (1) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS SECTION, A MEMBER WHO IS PREGNANT SHALL RECEIVE A STANDING REFERRAL TO AN OBSTETRICIAN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SUBSECTION.

(2) AFTER THE MEMBER WHO IS PREGNANT RECEIVES A STANDING REFERRAL TO AN OBSTETRICIAN, THE OBSTETRICIAN IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PRIMARY MANAGEMENT OF THE ~~MEMBER DURING THE~~ MEMBER'S PREGNANCY ~~AND UNTIL 2 MONTHS,~~ INCLUDING THE ISSUANCE OF REFERRALS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CARRIER'S POLICIES AND PROCEDURES, THROUGH THE POSTPARTUM PERIOD.

(3) A WRITTEN TREATMENT PLAN MAY NOT BE REQUIRED WHEN A STANDING REFERRAL IS TO AN OBSTETRICIAN UNDER THIS SUBSECTION.

[(c)] (D) (1) Each carrier shall establish and implement a procedure by which a member may request a referral to a specialist who is not part of the carrier's provider panel in accordance with this subsection.

(2) The procedure shall provide for a referral to a specialist who is not part of the carrier's provider panel if:

(i) the member is diagnosed with a condition or disease that requires specialized medical care;

(ii) the carrier does not have in its provider panel a specialist with the professional training and expertise to treat the condition or disease; and

(iii) the specialist agrees to accept the same reimbursement as would be provided to a specialist who is part of the carrier's provider panel.

[(d)] (E) A decision by a carrier not to provide access to or coverage of treatment by a specialist in accordance with this section constitutes an adverse decision as defined under Subtitle 10A of this title if the decision is based on a finding that the proposed service is not medically necessary, appropriate, or efficient.

[(e)] (F) Each carrier shall file with the Commissioner a copy of each of the procedures required under this section.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2000.

Approved May 11, 2000.

CHAPTER 360

(House Bill 346)

AN ACT concerning

Property Tax - ~~Town of Easton~~ Talbot County - Personal Property

FOR the purpose of authorizing the governing body of ~~the Town of Easton~~ Talbot