

to visit the woman's primary care provider first, whether or not the primary care provider is qualified to and regularly does provide routine gynecological care.

~~(D) (1) AN ENTITY SUBJECT TO THIS SECTION MAY NOT LIMIT A WOMAN'S DIRECT ACCESS TO PRIMARY AND PREVENTIVE OBSTETRIC AND GYNECOLOGICAL SERVICES FROM A CERTIFIED NURSE MIDWIFE OR ANY OTHER PROVIDER AUTHORIZED UNDER THE HEALTH OCCUPATIONS ARTICLE TO PROVIDE OBSTETRIC AND GYNECOLOGICAL SERVICES.~~

~~(2) AN ENTITY SUBJECT TO THIS SECTION SHALL ALLOW A WOMAN TO CHOOSE A CERTIFIED NURSE MIDWIFE PARTICIPATING IN THE HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN IF THE CERTIFIED NURSE MIDWIFE DISCUSSES THE SERVICES AND TREATMENT PLAN WITH THE WOMAN'S PRIMARY CARE PROVIDER AND INFORMS THE WOMAN'S PRIMARY CARE PROVIDER OF ALL HEALTH SERVICES PROVIDED.~~

~~(3) AN ENTITY SUBJECT TO THIS SECTION SHALL OFFER THE WOMAN THE CHOICE OF AN OBSTETRIC AND GYNECOLOGICAL PROVIDER WITHIN THE HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN AND MAY NOT REQUIRE THE WOMAN TO RECEIVE OBSTETRIC AND GYNECOLOGICAL SERVICES FROM A SPECIFIC CATEGORY OF PROVIDER.~~

(D) (1) AN ENTITY SUBJECT TO THIS SECTION SHALL ALLOW A WOMAN TO RECEIVE MEDICALLY NECESSARY, ROUTINE OBSTETRIC AND GYNECOLOGICAL CARE FROM AN IN-NETWORK, CERTIFIED NURSE MIDWIFE OR ANY OTHER IN-NETWORK PROVIDER AUTHORIZED UNDER THE HEALTH OCCUPATIONS ARTICLE TO PROVIDE OBSTETRIC AND GYNECOLOGICAL SERVICES WITHOUT FIRST REQUIRING THE WOMAN TO VISIT A PRIMARY CARE PROVIDER

(2) A CERTIFIED NURSE MIDWIFE OR OTHER NONPHYSICIAN PROVIDER AUTHORIZED UNDER THE HEALTH OCCUPATIONS ARTICLE TO PROVIDE OBSTETRIC AND GYNECOLOGICAL SERVICES SHALL CONSULT WITH AN OBSTETRICIAN/GYNECOLOGIST WITH WHOM THE CERTIFIED NURSE MIDWIFE OR OTHER PROVIDER HAS A COLLABORATIVE AGREEMENT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COLLABORATIVE AGREEMENT, REGARDING ANY CARE RENDERED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION.

Article - Health - General

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

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

(ii) If the obstetrician/gynecologist chooses not to be a primary care physician, permit a woman to receive gynecological care from an in-network obstetrician/gynecologist without requiring the woman to first visit a primary care provider, provided that:

1. The care is medically necessary, including, but not limited to, care that is routine;