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In Senate, February 16, 1999

**An Act to Ensure Affordable Access to Gynecological Services Provided
by Nurse Practitioners.**

Reference to the Committee on Banking and Insurance suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator PINGREE of Knox.
Cosponsored by Speaker ROWE of Portland and
Senators: AMERO of Cumberland, BENOIT of Franklin, GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock,
MURRAY of Penobscot, RAND of Cumberland, Representatives: GREEN of Monmouth,
SHIAH of Bowdoinham, TESSIER of Fairfield.

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3 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

4 **Sec. 1. 24 MRSA §2332-J is enacted to read:**

5 **§2332-J. Coverage of gynecological services performed by nurse**
6 **practitioners**

7 **1. Required coverage for services.** Notwithstanding any
8 other provisions of this chapter, a nonprofit hospital or medical
9 service organization that issues individual and group health care
10 contracts shall provide coverage under those contracts for
11 gynecological services performed by nurse practitioners when
12 those services are within the lawful scope of practice of the
13 nurse practitioner.

14 **2. Limits; coinsurance; deductibles.** Any contract that
15 provides coverage for the services required by this section may
16 contain provisions for maximum benefits and coinsurance and
17 reasonable limitations, deductibles and exclusions to the extent
18 that these provisions are not inconsistent with the requirements
19 of this section.

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21 **Sec. 2. 24-A MRSA §2756 is enacted to read:**

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23 **§2756. Coverage of gynecological services performed by nurse**
24 **practitioners**

25 **1. Required coverage for services.** Notwithstanding any
26 other provisions of this chapter, an insurer that issues
27 individual health insurance policies and contracts shall provide
28 coverage under those contracts for gynecological services
29 performed by nurse practitioners when those services are within
30 the lawful scope of practice of the nurse practitioner.

31 **2. Limits; coinsurance; deductibles.** Any policy or
32 contract that provides coverage for the services required by
33 this section may contain provisions for maximum benefits and
34 coinsurance and reasonable limitations, deductibles and
35 exclusions to the extent that these provisions are not
36 inconsistent with the requirements of this section.

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38 **Sec. 3. 24-A MRSA §2847-G is enacted to read:**

39 **§2847-G. Coverage of gynecological services performed by nurse**
40 **practitioners**

41 **1. Required coverage for services.** Notwithstanding any
42 other provisions of this chapter, an insurer that issues group
43 health insurance policies and contracts shall provide coverage
44 under those contracts for gynecological services performed by
45 nurse practitioners when those services are within the lawful
46 scope of practice of the nurse practitioner.

