

Senate Bill 339

By: Senator Thomas of the 10th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 33-24-59.7, relating to insurance coverage for the treatment of
2 morbidly obese patients, so as to require certain insurers to offer coverage for the treatment
3 of morbid obesity; to provide for adjustment of current contracts; to repeal conflicting laws;
4 and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 To amend Code Section 33-24-59.7, relating to insurance coverage for the treatment of
8 morbidly obese patients, is amended by striking paragraph (2) of subsection (c) and inserting
9 in lieu thereof a new paragraph (2) to read as follows:

10 "(2) Every health benefit policy that is delivered, issued, executed, or renewed in this
11 state or approved for issuance or renewal in this state by the Commissioner on or after
12 July 1, ~~1999~~ 2002, which provides major medical benefits ~~may~~ shall offer coverage for
13 the treatment of morbid obesity."

14 **SECTION 2.**

15 All contracts relating to the provision of health care services in effect on July 1, 2002, shall
16 be appropriately adjusted to reflect any change in services provided as required by Section
17 1 of this Act.

18 **SECTION 3.**

19 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.