

Senate Bill 444

By: Senators James of the 35th, Gingrey of the 37th, Tate of the 38th, Thomas of the 2nd, Stokes of the 43rd and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 1 of Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to general provisions relative to insurance, so as to require insurance coverage for
3 estrogen implants; to define a term; to authorize the Commissioner of Insurance to
4 implement applicable rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to repeal
5 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Article 1 of Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
9 general provisions relative to insurance, is amended by inserting at the end thereof a new
10 Code Section 33-24-59.11 to read as follows:

11 "33-24-59.11.

12 (a) As used in this Code section, the term 'health benefit policy' means any individual or
13 group plan, policy, or contract for health care services issued, delivered, issued for
14 delivery, or renewed in this state which provides major medical benefits, including those
15 contracts executed by the State of Georgia on behalf of indigents and on behalf of state
16 employees under Article 1 of Chapter 18 of Title 45, by a health care corporation, health
17 maintenance organization, preferred provider organization, accident and sickness insurer,
18 fraternal benefit society, hospital service corporation, medical service corporation, or other
19 insurer or similar entity.

20 (b) Every health benefit policy that is delivered, issued, executed, or renewed in this state
21 or approved for issuance or renewal in this state by the Commissioner on or after July 1,
22 1999, which provides major medical benefits shall offer coverage for estrogen implants.

23 (c) The Commissioner of Insurance shall adopt rules and regulations necessary to
24 implement the provisions of this Code section."

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SECTION 2.

2 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.