

House Bill 1677

By: Representatives Gardner of the 47th, Henson of the 65th, Watson of the 70th, Hugley of the 133rd and Harbin of the 113th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 21 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 health maintenance organizations, so as to include behavioral health services in
3 point-of-service options in health benefit plan coverage through a health maintenance
4 organization; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
5 purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Chapter 21 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to health
9 maintenance organizations, is amended by striking paragraph (3) of subsection (b) and
10 subsection (c) of Code Section 33-21-29, relating to point-of-service option for persons
11 offered health care coverage through a health maintenance organization, and inserting in their
12 respective places the following:

13 "(3) 'Point-of-service option' means a delivery system that permits an enrollee of a health
14 maintenance organization to receive services including behavioral health services outside
15 the provider panel of the health maintenance organization under the terms and conditions
16 of the enrollee's contract with the health maintenance organization."

17 "(c) If the only type of insurance that an employer offers to eligible employees or
18 individuals is health benefit plan coverage through a health maintenance organization, then
19 the health maintenance organization with which such employer contracts to provide such
20 coverage shall offer or make arrangements for the offering of a point-of-service option
21 which shall include behavioral health services to such employer for the employer's eligible
22 employees or individuals, and each such eligible employee or individual shall have the
23 right to accept or reject such option."

24 **SECTION 2.**

25 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.