

## House Bill 145

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**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 services for mental disorders 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 services for mental disorders as  
defined in paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of Code Section 33-24-28.1 outside the  
16 provider panel of the health maintenance organization under the terms and conditions of  
17 the enrollee's contract with the health maintenance organization."

18 "(c) If the only type of insurance that an employer offers to eligible employees or  
19 individuals is health benefit plan coverage through a health maintenance organization, then  
20 the health maintenance organization with which such employer contracts to provide such  
21 coverage shall offer or make arrangements for the offering of a point-of-service option  
22 which shall include services for mental disorders as defined in paragraph (2) of subsection  
23 (a) of Code Section 33-24-28.1 to such employer for the employer's eligible employees or  
24 individuals, and each such eligible employee or individual shall have the right to accept or  
25 reject such option."

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**SECTION 2.**

- 2 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.