

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
15 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2 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.