

House Bill 972

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 2 of Chapter 30 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
2 relating to preferred provider arrangements, so as to authorize any health care insurer, as an  
3 option, to offer one or more health benefit plans that are not subject to limitations or  
4 restrictions on the level of reimbursement for contracted or noncontracted health care  
5 providers; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date;  
6 to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Flexible Health Benefit Plan Act."

10 **SECTION 2.**

11 Article 2 of Chapter 30 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
12 preferred provider arrangements, is amended by adding a new subsection (f) to Code Section  
13 33-30-23, relating to standards, to read as follows:

14 "(f) Any health care insurer may offer, as an option, one or more health benefit plans  
15 utilizing a preferred provider arrangement that is not subject to paragraphs (3) and (4) of  
16 subsection (b) of this Code section or any other law or restriction that prescribes or limits  
17 the level of reimbursement for contracted health care providers or noncontracted health  
18 care providers, including any deductibles, copayments, coinsurance, or other cost-sharing  
19 provisions."

20 **SECTION 2.**

21 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law  
22 without such approval.

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**SECTION 3.**

2 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.