

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 regarding insurance generally, so as to require health benefit
3 policy coverage for vaccinations for cervical cancer and the human papillomavirus; to
4 provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Article 1 of Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
8 general provisions regarding insurance generally, is amended by inserting a new Code
9 section to read as follows:

10 "33-24-56.5.

11 (a) As used in this Code section, the term:

12 (1) 'Health benefit policy' means any individual or group plan, policy, or contract for
13 health care services issued, delivered, issued for delivery, executed, or renewed in this
14 state on and after July 1, 2007 by an insurer, including, but not limited to, any health
15 insurance plan or other health care services provided pursuant to Article 1 of Chapter 18
16 of Title 45, Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49, or Article 13 of Chapter 5 of Title 49.

17 (2) 'Insurer' means any person, corporation, or other entity authorized to provide health
18 benefit policies under this title.

19 (b) Every health benefit policy shall provide coverage for federal Food and Drug
20 Administration approved vaccinations to prevent cervical cancer and the human
21 papillomavirus in such frequencies and at such ages as recommended by the federal
22 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and deemed appropriate by the attending
23 physician after conferring with the patient or his or her parent, if the patient is a minor.

24 (c) The benefits provided in this Code section shall be subject to the same annual
25 deductibles or coinsurance established for all other covered benefits within a given health
26 benefit policy."

1

SECTION 2.

2

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.