

**§4306-A. Patient access to obstetrical and gynecological care**

Notwithstanding any other requirements of this Title, a carrier offering a health plan in this State subject to the requirements of the federal Affordable Care Act: [PL 2011, c. 364, §29 (NEW).]

**1. Authorization or referral not required.** May not require authorization or referral by the carrier or any other person, including a primary care provider, in the case of a female enrollee who seeks coverage for obstetrical or gynecological care provided by a participating health care professional as described in the federal Affordable Care Act who specializes in obstetrics or gynecology. The health care professional shall agree to otherwise adhere to the health plan's or carrier's policies and procedures, including procedures regarding referrals and obtaining prior authorization and providing services pursuant to a treatment plan, if any, approved by the carrier; and [PL 2011, c. 364, §29 (NEW).]

**2. Treated as primary care.** Shall treat the provision of obstetrical and gynecological care by a participating health care professional as described in the federal Affordable Care Act who specializes in obstetrics or gynecology, pursuant to subsection 1, as authorized by the primary care provider and the authorization of related obstetrical and gynecological items and services by that professional as the authorization of the primary care provider. [PL 2011, c. 364, §29 (NEW).]

**SECTION HISTORY**

PL 2011, c. 364, §29 (NEW).

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