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House Bill 4745

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House Bill 4746

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House Bill 4747

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Committee: Insurance

Complete to 9-11-97

A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILLS 4745-4747 AS INTRODUCED 5-6-97

The bills would prohibit health insurers from requiring an insured to first obtain a referral from a primary care physician as a condition of covering dermatological services otherwise covered under a policy, certificate, or contract.

House Bill 4745 would amend the Insurance Code (MCL 3406j) to apply to an expense-incurred hospital, medical, or surgical policy or certificate issued or renewed in this state by a commercial health insurer. House Bill 4746 would amend the Public Health Code (MCL 333.21053d) to apply to health maintenance organizations (HMOs). House Bill 4747 would amend the Nonprofit Health Care Corporation Reform Act (MCL 550.1401f) to apply to Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Michigan. The bills would take effect January 1, 1998.

House Bills 4745-4747 (9-11-97)

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