

REFERENCE TITLE: AIDS; HIV; standing referrals

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AN ACT

AMENDING SECTIONS 20-841.04, 20-936.01 AND 20-1057.01, ARIZONA REVISED
STATUTES; RELATING TO HEALTH CARE INSURANCE.

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1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 20-841.04, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 20-841.04. Standing referrals to network health care
5 professionals; definition

6 A. Any corporation that offers a health benefits plan shall establish
7 a procedure by which a subscriber may apply for a standing referral to a
8 network health care professional. The corporation shall provide a subscriber
9 with a standing referral if all of the following conditions are met:

10 1. The subscriber is a covered member of that corporation.

11 2. The subscriber has a disease or condition that is life threatening,
12 degenerative, chronic or disabling, **INCLUDING THE HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY**
13 **VIRUS OR THE ACQUIRED IMMUNE DEFICIENCY VIRUS.**

14 3. The subscriber's primary care physician in conjunction with a
15 network health care professional determines that the subscriber's health care
16 requires a network health care professional's expertise.

17 4. The subscriber's primary care physician determines that the
18 subscriber's disease or condition will require ongoing medical care for an
19 extended period of time.

20 5. The standing referral is made by the subscriber's primary care
21 physician to a network health care professional who is responsible for
22 providing and coordinating the subscriber's specialty care.

23 6. The network health care professional is authorized by the
24 corporation to provide the services under the standing referral.

25 B. The corporation may limit the number of visits and time period for
26 which a subscriber may receive a standing referral.

27 C. If the subscriber receives a standing referral or any other
28 referral from the subscriber's primary care physician, that referral remains
29 in effect even if the primary care physician leaves the corporation's
30 network.

31 D. If the treating health care professional leaves the network or the
32 subscriber ceases to be a covered member, the standing referral expires.

33 E. This section does not apply to any corporation that holds a
34 certificate of authority to operate either as a dental service corporation or
35 an optometric service corporation.

36 F. For the purposes of this section, "network health care
37 professional" means a practitioner of a health profession as defined in
38 section 32-3101 who is under written contract with the corporation to provide
39 services in a specialty discipline that is recognized by an American medical
40 specialty board **OR TO PROVIDE EXPERT SERVICES IN TREATING THE HUMAN**
41 **IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS OR THE ACQUIRED IMMUNE DEFICIENCY VIRUS.**

- 1 1. The enrollee is a covered member of that health care services
2 organization.
- 3 2. The enrollee has a disease or condition that is life threatening,
4 degenerative, chronic or disabling, **INCLUDING THE HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY**
5 **VIRUS OR THE ACQUIRED IMMUNE DEFICIENCY VIRUS.**
- 6 3. The enrollee's primary care physician in conjunction with a network
7 health care professional determines that the enrollee's health care requires
8 a network health care professional's expertise.
- 9 4. The enrollee's primary care physician determines that the
10 enrollee's disease or condition will require ongoing medical care for an
11 extended period of time.
- 12 5. The standing referral is made by the enrollee's primary care
13 physician to a network health care professional who is responsible for
14 providing and coordinating the enrollee's specialty care.
- 15 6. The network health care professional is authorized by the health
16 care services organization to provide the services under the standing
17 referral.
- 18 B. The health care services organization may limit the number of
19 visits and time period for which an enrollee may receive a standing referral.
- 20 C. If the enrollee receives a standing referral or any other **REFERRAL**
21 from the enrollee's primary care physician, that referral remains in effect
22 even if the primary care physician leaves the health care services
23 organization's network.
- 24 D. If the treating health care professional leaves the network or the
25 enrollee ceases to be a covered member, the standing referral expires.
- 26 E. For the purposes of this section, "network health care
27 professional" means a practitioner of a health profession as defined in
28 section 32-3101 who is under written contract with the health care services
29 organization to provide services in a specialty discipline that is recognized
30 by an American medical specialty board **OR TO PROVIDE EXPERT SERVICES IN**
31 **TREATING THE HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS OR THE ACQUIRED IMMUNE DEFICIENCY**
32 **VIRUS.**