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16 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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21 To amend the Women’s Health and Cancer Rights Federal Law Conformity Act of 2000 to
22 require insurers to cover certain health care services without cost-sharing, and to require
23 insurers to provide information regarding coverage to enrollees and potential enrollees.
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25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
26 act may be cited as the “Defending Access to Women’s Health Care Services Amendment Act of
27 2017”.

28 Sec. 2. Section 5a of the Women's Health and Cancer Rights Federal Law Conformity
29 Act of 2000, effective April 3, 2001 (D.C. Law 13-254; D.C. Official Code § 31-3834.01), is
30 amended as follows:

31 (a) The section heading is amended by striking the phrase “Full-year coverage” and
32 inserting the phrase “Coverage” in its place.

33 (b) A new subsection (a-1) is added to read as follows:

34 “(a-1) An individual health plan or group health plan, a health insurer offering health
35 insurance coverage for prescription drugs, and health insurance coverage through Medicaid shall

36 provide coverage for and shall not impose any cost sharing requirements for the following health
37 care services:

38 “(1) Breast cancer screening;

39 “(2) Screening for gestational diabetes;

40 “(3) Human papillomavirus testing;

41 “(4) Counseling for sexually transmitted infections;

42 “(5) Counseling and screening for human immunodeficiency virus;

43 “(6) Contraceptives, including over-the-counter contraceptives; patient education
44 and counseling on contraception; sterilization procedures; and related follow-up services;

45 “(7) Breastfeeding support, supplies, and counseling;

46 “(8) Well-woman preventative visits;

47 “(9) Screening and counseling for interpersonal and domestic violence; and

48 “(10) Any additional preventive services for women that must be covered without
49 cost sharing under the 42 U.S.C. 300gg-13, as identified after the effective date of this Act by the
50 United States Preventive Services Task Force or the Health Resources and Services
51 Administration of the United States Department of Health and Human Services.”.

52 (c) Subsection (c) is repealed.

53 (d) A new subsections (d) is added to read as follows:

54 “(d) An insurer that is subject to this section shall make readily accessible to enrollees
55 and potential enrollees, in a consumer-friendly format, information about the coverage of
56 contraceptives by each health insurance plan and the coverage of other services, drugs, devices,
57 products and procedures described in this section. The insurer must provide the information:

58 “(1) On the insurer’s website;

59 “(2) In writing to an enrollee in a summary of benefits and coverage and no later
60 than 14 days after a request by an enrollee; and

61 “(3) In written materials about benefits or coverage that are provided to enrollees
62 and potential enrollees.”.

63 Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

64 The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal
65 impact statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975,
66 approved October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).

67 Sec. 4. Effective date.

68 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the
69 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review as
70 provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December
71 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of
72 Columbia Register.