AN ACT

D.C. ACT 21-91

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

JUNE 17, 2015

To amend the Women’s Health and Cancer Rights Federal Law Conformity Act of 2000 to require that a health benefit plan authorize the dispensing of up to a 12-month supply of a woman’s covered prescription contraceptive at one time.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Access to Contraceptives Amendment Act of 2015”.

Sec. 2. The Women’s Health and Cancer Rights Federal Law Conformity Act of 2000, effective April 3, 2000 (D.C. Law 13-254; D.C. Official Code § 31-3831 et seq.), is amended by adding a new section 5a to read as follows:

“Sec. 5a. Full-year coverage for contraception.
(a) An individual health plan or group health plan, a health insurer offering health insurance coverage for prescription drugs, and health insurance coverage through Medicaid shall provide benefits that allow for the dispensing of up to a 12-month supply of a covered prescription contraceptive at one time.
(b) For the purposes of this section, the term:
(1) “Contraceptive” means a drug or drug regimen approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to prevent pregnancy.
(2) “Medicaid” shall have the same meaning as provided in section 1502(2) of the Fiscal Year 2003 Budget Support Act of 2002, effective October 1, 2002 (D.C. Law 14-190; D.C. Official Code § 4-204.12(2)).
(c) This section shall not be construed to require additional coverage for contraceptives that are not covered under the health benefit plan.”.

Sec. 3. Applicability.
This act shall apply as of January 1, 2017.

Sec. 4. Fiscal impact statement.
The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal impact statement required by section 602(c)(3) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(3)).
Sec. 5. Effective date.
This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act. approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of Columbia Register.

Chairman
Council of the District of Columbia

Mayor
District of Columbia
APPROVED
June 17, 2015
COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20004

ADOPTED FIRST READING, 5/5/2015

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Secretary to the Council

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