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SENATE BILL 413*

Short Title: Ob-Gyn Access/Medicaid Recipients.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senators Kinnaird; Ballance, Forrester, Foxx, Lucas, Odom, Phillips, Shaw of Cumberland, Weinstein, and Wellons.

Referred to: Children & Human Resources.

March 18, 1997

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE MEDICAID RECIPIENTS DIRECT ACCESS TO
2 OBSTETRICIAN-GYNECOLOGISTS.
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4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 Section 1. (a) The Department of Human Resources shall provide Medicaid
6 recipients direct access, without prior referral, to the health care services of a
7 participating obstetrician-gynecologist. This access shall be provided regardless of
8 whether the recipient has designated a physician other than a participating obstetrician-
9 gynecologist to be the recipient's primary care physician.

10 (b) "Health care services" means the full scope of medically necessary services
11 provided by an obstetrician-gynecologist in the care of or related to the female
12 reproductive system and breasts, and in performing annual screening, counseling, and
13 immunization for disorders and diseases in accordance with the most current published
14 recommendations of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, and
15 includes services provided by nurse practitioners, physician's assistants, and certified
16 nurse-midwives in collaboration with the obstetrician-gynecologist in the care of the
17 recipient.

18 (c) The Department shall inform Medicaid recipients in writing of the
19 provisions of this act.

1 Section 2. This act becomes effective October 1, 1997.