

COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA


NOTICE

D.C. LAW 4-66

"Access to Clinical Psychologists and Optometrists
Act of 1981".

Pursuant to Section 412 of the District of Columbia Self-
Government and Governmental Reorganization Act, P. L. 93-198,
"the Act", the Council of the District of Columbia adopted Bill
No. 4-160 on first and second readings, October 13, 1981 and
October 27, 1981, respectively. Following the signature of the
Mayor on November 9, 1981, this legislation was assigned Act No.
4-112, published in the November 27, 1981 edition of the D.C.
Register, (Vol. 28 page 5040) and transmitted to Congress on
November 19, 1981 for a 30-day review. In accordance with Section
602 (c)(1) of the Act.

The Council of the District of Columbia hereby gives notice
that the 30-day Congressional Review Period has expired, and
therefore, cites this enactment as D.C. Law 4-66, effective
February 11, 1982.


ARRINGTON DIXON
Chairman of the Council

Dates Counted During the 30-day Congressional Review Period:

November	19, 20, 23, 24, 30
December	1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16
January	25, 26, 27, 28, 29
February	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10

D.C. LAW 4-66
EFFECTIVE DATE FEB 11 1981

Enrolled Original

AN ACT

D.C. ACT 4 - 112

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

NOV 09 1981

To amend the Life Insurance Act to provide the same right of access to duly licensed psychologists and optometrists for those persons covered by group health insurance policies.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the "Access to Clinical Psychologists and Optometrists Act of 1981".

Sec. 2. Chapter V of The Life Insurance Act, approved June 19, 1934 (48 Stat. 1156; D.C. Code, sec. 35-501 et seq.) is amended as follows:

(a) Section 12 (D.C. Code, sec. 35-517) is amended as follows:

(1) Subsection (a)(8) of the paragraph entitled "2. Form of Policy" is amended in the second sentence by striking the phrase "if applicable,"; and

(2) The paragraph entitled "8. Nonapplication to Certain Policies" is amended in the first sentence by striking the phrase "Nothing in this section" and inserting the phrase "Except as provided in section 2(b) of the Access to Clinical Psychologists and Optometrists Act of 1981, nothing in this section" in lieu thereof; and

CODIFICATION
D.C. Code,
sec. 35-517
(1981 ed.)

(b) By inserting at the end thereof the following new section to read as follows:

"Sec. 24. GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE POLICY PROVISIONS.

No policy of group health insurance shall be delivered or issued in the District of Columbia or be issued or amended to cover any resident of the District of Columbia if it contains a provision which would restrict access to psychologists or optometrists. When a policy relating to group health insurance requires payment or reimbursement for services which may be performed by a duly licensed psychologist or optometrist, any person covered by the policy shall be free to select and have direct access to such psychologist or optometrist without supervision or referral by a practitioner of the healing art and shall be entitled under the policy to have payment or reimbursement made for services performed."

New
D.C. Code,
sec. 35-730
(1981 ed.)

Sec. 3. This act shall take effect after a thirty (30)-day period of Congressional review following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the Mayor, action by the Council of the District of Columbia to override the veto) as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Self-Government and Governmental Reorganization Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Code,



COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Council Period Four
First Session

DOCKET NO: B 4-160

Item on Consent Calendar

ACTION: Adopted First Reading, 10-13-81

VOICE VOTE: Unanimous

Absent: Moore

ROLL CALL VOTE:

COUNCIL MEMBER	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.	COUNCIL MEMBER	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.	COUNCIL MEMBER	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.
CHM. DIXON					KANE					SHACKLETON				
WINTER					MASON					SPAULDING				
CLARKE					MOORE, JR.					WILSON				
CRAWFORD					RAY									
JARVIS					ROLARK									

X - Indicates Vote A.B. - Absent N.V. - Not Voting

CERTIFICATION OF RECORD

John P. Brown 11-3-81
Secretary to the Council Date

Item on Consent Calendar

ACTION: Adopted Final Reading, 10-27-81

VOICE VOTE: Unanimous

Absent: Moore

ROLL CALL VOTE:

COUNCIL MEMBER	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.	COUNCIL MEMBER	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.	COUNCIL MEMBER	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.
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CERTIFICATION OF RECORD

John P. Brown 11-3-81
Secretary to the Council Date

Item on Consent Calendar

ACTION: _____

VOICE VOTE: _____

Absent: _____

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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