

**ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 17,
TO ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1,
TO 1999 ASSEMBLY BILL 518**

November 2, 1999 – Offered by Representative WASSERMAN.

1 At the locations indicated, amend the substitute amendment as follows:

2 **1.** Page 1, line 8: after “plans” insert “, allowing direct access to specialist
3 providers”.

4 **2.** Page 3, line 7: after that line insert:

5 “**SECTION 7m.** 609.05 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

6 609.05 (3) Except as provided in ss. 609.22 (4), 609.65 and 609.655, a limited
7 service health organization, preferred provider plan or managed care plan may
8 require an enrollee to obtain a referral from the primary provider designated under
9 sub. (2) to another participating provider prior to obtaining health care services from
10 that participating provider.”.

11 **3.** Page 4, line 11: after that line insert:

12 “**SECTION 17c.** 609.22 (4) (a) 1. of the statutes is repealed and recreated to read:

1 609.22 (4) (a) 1. A managed care plan may not require an enrollee of the
2 managed care plan to obtain a referral for coverage of services provided by a
3 participating provider who is a physician licensed under ch. 448 and who specializes
4 in a particular type of medical practice, regardless of whether the participating
5 provider is the enrollee’s primary provider.

6 **SECTION 17g.** 609.22 (4) (a) 2. of the statutes is repealed.

7 **SECTION 17m.** 609.22 (4) (a) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:

8 609.22 (4) (a) 3. A managed care plan must include information regarding
9 referral procedures the prohibition under subd. 1. in policies or certificates provided
10 to enrollees and must provide such information to an enrollee or prospective enrollee
11 upon request.”.

12 **4.** Page 16, line 9: after that line insert:

13 **“SECTION 21m. Initial applicability.**

14 (1) SPECIALIST PROVIDERS UNDER MANAGED CARE PLANS.

15 (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b), if a policy or certificate that is affected
16 by the treatment of sections 609.05 (3) and 609.22 (4) (a) 1., 2. and 3. of the statutes
17 contains terms or provisions that are inconsistent with the treatment of sections
18 609.05 (3) and 609.22 (4) (a) 1., 2. and 3. of the statutes, the treatment of sections
19 609.05 (3) and 609.22 (4) (a) 1., 2. and 3. of the statutes first applies to that policy or
20 certificate upon renewal.

21 (b) The treatment of sections 609.05 (3) and 609.22 (4) (a) 1., 2. and 3. of the
22 statutes first applies to policies or group certificates covering employes who are
23 affected by a collective bargaining agreement containing provisions that are

1 inconsistent with the treatment of sections 609.05 (3) and 609.22 (4) (a) 1., 2. and 3.
2 of the statutes that are issued or renewed on the earlier of the following:

3 1. The day on which the collective bargaining agreement expires.

4 2. The day on which the collective bargaining agreement is extended, modified
5 or renewed.”.

6 (END)