

AN ACT

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To amend, on a temporary basis, the Health Benefits Plan Members Bill of Rights Act of 1998 to add a definition, to extend the time period a member or member representative has to initiate an external appeal, and to make decisions by the independent review organization binding.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Health Benefits Plan Grievance Temporary Amendment Act of 2011”.

Sec. 2. The Health Benefits Plan Members Bill of Rights Act of 1998, effective April 27, 1999 (D.C. Law 12-274; D.C. Official Code § 44-301.01 *et. seq.*), is amended as follows:

(a) Section 101 (D.C. Official Code § 44-301.01) is amended by adding a new paragraph (10A) to read as follows:

Note,
§ 44-301.01

“(10A) “Month” means the period that runs from a given day in one month through the date preceding the numerically corresponding day in the next month.”.

(b) Section 107 (D.C. Official Code § 44-301.07) is amended as follows:

Note,
§ 44-301.07

(1) Subsection (b) is amended by striking the phrase “30 business days” and inserting the phrase “4 months” in its place.

(2) Subsection (p) is amended to read as follows:

“(p) The decision of the independent review organization shall be binding on all parties and enforceable by the Director, except to the extent that there are other remedies under District of Columbia or federal law.”.

Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement of the Budget Director 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. 4. Effective date.

(a) 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

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24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of Columbia Register.

(b) This act shall expire after 225 days of its having taken effect.

Chairman
Council of the District of Columbia

Mayor
District of Columbia