

Act No. 182 (S.281). Health; health insurance; vision; physicians; optometrists

An act relating to vision riders and a choice of providers for vision and eye care services

This act requires health insurance plans to provide a choice of providers for vision and medical eye care services and to reimburse providers the same amount for the same services when provided by either an optometrist or an ophthalmologist. It requires health insurers to permit optometrists to participate in vision and medical eye care plans to the same extent as ophthalmologists and prohibits insurers from placing certain requirements on an optometrist or ophthalmologist as a condition for participation in a health insurance or vision plan. The act also ensures that optometrists and ophthalmologists are compensated for the services and materials they provide.

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