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To enact sections 1751.661 and 3923.602 of the 1
Revised Code to prohibit certain sickness and 2
accident insurance policies, public employee 3
benefit plans, and health insuring corporation 4
policies, contracts, and agreements from limiting 5
or excluding coverage for prescription 6
contraceptive drugs and devices and outpatient 7
services related to the provision of such drugs 8
and devices. 9

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That sections 1751.661 and 3923.602 of the Revised 10
Code be enacted to read as follows: 11

Sec. 1751.661. (A) Notwithstanding section 3901.71 of the 12
Revised Code, no individual or group health insuring corporation 13
policy, contract, or agreement shall do either of the following: 14

(1) Limit or exclude coverage for prescription contraceptive 15
drugs or devices approved by the United States food and drug 16
administration, if the policy, contract, or agreement provides 17
coverage for other prescription drugs or devices; 18

(2) Limit or exclude coverage for physician-directed outpatient services that are related to the provision of such drugs or devices, if the policy, contract, or agreement provides coverage for other outpatient services rendered by a provider. 19
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(B) The coverage provided under division (A) of this section shall be subject to the same terms and conditions, including copayment charges, that apply to similar coverage provided under the policy, contract, or agreement. 23
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Sec. 3923.602. (A) Notwithstanding section 3901.71 of the Revised Code, no individual or group policy of sickness and accident insurance or public employee benefit plan shall do either of the following: 27
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(1) Limit or exclude coverage for prescription contraceptive drugs or devices approved by the United States food and drug administration, if the policy or plan provides coverage for other prescription drugs or devices; 31
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(2) Limit or exclude coverage for outpatient services rendered by a health care professional that are related to the provision of such drugs or devices, if the policy or plan provides coverage for other outpatient services rendered by a health care professional. 35
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(B) The coverage provided under division (A) of this section shall be subject to the same terms and conditions, including copayments and deductibles, that apply to similar coverage provided under the policy or plan. 40
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Section 2. Section 1751.661 of the Revised Code shall apply only to policies, contracts, and agreements that are delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed in this state on or after the effective date of this act and section 3923.602 of the Revised Code shall apply to policies of sickness and accident insurance 44
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and public employee benefit plans that are established or modified 49
in this state on or after the effective date of this act. 50