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1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to access to obstetrical and
 3 gynecological services; amending s. 627.6472,
 4 F.S.; requiring an exclusive provider
 5 organization to provide direct access to
 6 certain services; amending s. 641.31, F.S.;
 7 requiring a health maintenance organization to
 8 provide direct access to certain services;
 9 providing an effective date.

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11 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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13 Section 1. Subsection (18) is added to section
 14 627.6472, Florida Statutes, 1998 Supplement, to read:

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627.6472 Exclusive provider organizations.--

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17 (18)(a) An exclusive provider organization must
 18 provide direct patient access to a board-certified or
 19 board-eligible obstetrician or gynecologist who is under
 20 contract with the exclusive provider organization, if the
 21 exclusive provider organization covers obstetrical or
 22 gynecological services. As used in this paragraph, the term
 23 "direct patient access" means the ability of a subscriber to
 24 obtain services without a referral or other authorization
 25 before receiving services.

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27 (b) An exclusive provider organization may not impose
 28 additional coinsurance or deductibles upon a subscriber who
 29 obtains services under this subsection unless the copayment or
 30 deductible is imposed on all other primary care physician
 31 services.

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31 Section 2. Subsection (36) is added to section 641.31,
 Florida Statutes, 1998 Supplement, to read:

