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HOUSE BILL NO. 465

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1 AN ACT relating to insurance contracting standards for eye health care.

2 ***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 304.17A-173 is amended to read as follows:

4 ***(1)*** Any ***insurer issuing or renewing a*** health benefit plan issued or renewed on or after
5 July 12, 2006, which provides coverage for services rendered by a physician or
6 osteopath duly licensed under KRS Chapter 311 that are within the scope of practice
7 of an optometrist duly licensed under the provisions of KRS Chapter 320 shall
8 provide the same ***reimbursement for services***~~[payment for coverage]~~ to
9 optometrists as allowed for those services rendered by physicians or osteopaths.

10 ***(2) An insurer shall not require an optometrist to meet terms and conditions that are***
11 ***not required of a physician or osteopath as a condition for participation in its***
12 ***provider network for the provision of services that are within the scope of practice***
13 ***of an optometrist.***

14 ***(3) The provisions of subsections (1) and (2) of this section shall also apply to any***
15 ***agreements an insurer enters into to provide services covered under the health***
16 ***benefit plan.***

17 ***(4) An insurer shall not require an optometrist, physician, or osteopath to contract***
18 ***with a vision care plan licensed under Subtitle 17C of KRS Chapter 304 as a***
19 ***condition for participation in the health care network of the insurer to provide***
20 ***covered medical services to its enrollees.***

Speaker-House of Representatives

President of Senate

Attest: Chief Clerk of House of Representatives

Approved Governor

Date 3/30/15