Florida Senate - 2005

By Senator Wilson

33-28-05 1 A bill to be entitled 2 An act relating to infant eye care; amending s. 383.04, F.S.; requiring certain eye 3 examinations for all infants born in hospitals 4 5 in the state; exempting this requirement from б s. 383.07, F.S., relating to a penalty; 7 revising an exception to the certain 8 applicability requirements concerning infant 9 eye care; amending ss. 627.6416 and 641.31, 10 F.S.; providing that coverage for children under health insurance policies and health 11 12 maintenance organization contracts must include 13 certain eye examinations for infants and children; providing an effective date. 14 15 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 16 17 Section 1. Section 383.04, Florida Statutes, is 18 amended to read: 19 383.04 Prophylactic required for eyes of 20 21 infants.--Every physician, midwife, or other person in 22 attendance at the birth of a child in the state is required to 23 instill or have instilled into the eyes of the baby within 1 hour after birth an effective prophylactic recommended by the 2.4 Committee on Infectious Diseases of the American Academy of 25 Pediatrics for the prevention of neonatal ophthalmia. In 26 addition, each baby born in a hospital in the state must, 27 2.8 before being discharged from the hospital, receive an eye examination using an opthalmoscope and dilation of the pupils 29 for detection of pediatric congenital and ocular 30 abnormalities; however, this requirement is not subject to s. 31

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1 383.07. This section does not apply to cases where the parents 2 file with the physician, midwife, or other person in attendance at the birth of a child written objections on 3 account of religious beliefs contrary to the use of drugs. 4 Τn such case the physician, midwife, or other person in 5 6 attendance shall maintain a record that such measures were or 7 were not employed and attach thereto any written objection. 8 Section 2. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section 627.6416, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 9 10 627.6416 Coverage for child health supervision services.--11 12 (2) As used in this section, the term "child health 13 supervision services" means physician-delivered or physician-supervised services that include, at a minimum, 14 services delivered at the intervals and scope stated in this 15 16 section. 17 (a) Child health supervision services must include 18 periodic visits which shall include a history; - a physical examination: - a developmental assessment and anticipatory 19 guidance;, and appropriate immunizations and laboratory tests; 20 21 and eye examinations at birth, at 6 to 8 weeks of age, and at 22 6 to 9 months of age, using an opthalmoscope and dilation of 23 the pupils for detection of pediatric congenital and ocular abnormalities and developmental abnormalities. Such services 2.4 and periodic visits shall be provided in accordance with 25 26 prevailing medical standards consistent with the 27 Recommendations for Preventive Pediatric Health Care of the 2.8 American Academy of Pediatrics. Section 3. Paragraph (b) of subsection (30) of section 29 30 641.31, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 641.31 Health maintenance contracts.--31

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1 (30) 2 (b) As used in this subsection, the term "child health supervision services" means physician-delivered or 3 4 physician-supervised services that include, at a minimum, services delivered at the intervals and scope stated in this 5 б subsection. 7 1. Child health supervision services must include 8 periodic visits that which shall include a history; τ a physical examination i, a developmental assessment and 9 10 anticipatory guidance;, and appropriate immunizations and laboratory tests; and eye examinations at birth, at 6 to 8 11 12 weeks of age, and at 6 to 9 months of age, using an 13 opthalmoscope and dilation of the pupils for detection of pediatric congenital and ocular abnormalities and 14 developmental abnormalities. Such services and periodic visits 15 shall be provided in accordance with prevailing medical 16 17 standards consistent with the Recommendations for Preventive 18 Pediatric Health Care of the American Academy of Pediatrics. 2. Minimum benefits may be limited to one visit 19 payable to one provider for all of the services provided at 2.0 21 each visit cited in this subsection. 22 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005. 23 2.4 25 SENATE SUMMARY Requires certain eye examinations for all infants born in 26 hospitals in the state. Exempts this requirement from certain penalty provisions. Revises an exception to the requirements for infant eye care. Requires that coverage 27 28 for children under health insurance policies and health maintenance organization contracts include certain eye 29 examinations for infants and children. 30 31

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