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Senator Rossin moved the following amendment:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

On page 39, between lines 20 and 21,

insert:

Section 20. Paragraph (a) of subsection (9) of section 641.31, is amended to read:

641.31 Health maintenance contracts.--

(9) All health maintenance contracts that provide coverage, benefits, or services for a member of the family of the subscriber must, as to such family member's coverage, benefits, or services, provide also that the coverage, benefits, or services applicable for children must be provided with respect to a newborn child of the subscriber, or covered family member of the subscriber, from the moment of birth. However, with respect to a newborn child of a covered family member other than the spouse of the insured or subscriber, the coverage for the newborn child terminates 18 months after the birth of the newborn child. The coverage, benefits, or services for newborn children must consist of coverage for

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1 injury or sickness, including the necessary care or treatment
2 of medically diagnosed congenital defects, birth
3 abnormalities, or prematurity, and transportation costs of the
4 newborn to and from the nearest appropriate facility
5 appropriately staffed and equipped to treat the newborn's
6 condition, when such transportation is certified by the
7 attending physician as medically necessary to protect the
8 health and safety of the newborn child.

9 (a) A contract may require the subscriber to notify
10 the plan of the birth of a child within a time period, as
11 specified in the contract, of not less than 30 days after the
12 birth, or a contract may require the preenrollment of a
13 newborn prior to birth. However, if timely notice is given, a
14 plan may not charge an additional premium for additional
15 coverage of the newborn child for not less than 30 days after
16 the birth of the child. If timely notice is not given, the
17 plan may charge an additional premium from the date of birth.
18 If notice is given within 60 days of the birth of the child,
19 the contract may not deny coverage of the child due to failure
20 of the subscriber to timely notify the plan of the birth of
21 the child or to preenroll the child.

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23 (Redesignate subsequent sections.)

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26 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

27 And the title is amended as follows:

28 On page 3, line 17, after the first semicolon

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30 insert:

31 amending s. 641.31, F.S.; providing that

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1 coverage may not be denied if specified notice
2 is given;
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