

By Senator Dawson

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to health care coverage;
3 creating s. 627.6414, F.S.; requiring health
4 and group health insurance policies to provide
5 coverage for certain eye examinations and
6 medically necessary followup visits for
7 specified minors; amending s. 641.31, F.S.;
8 requiring health maintenance contracts that
9 cover certain minors to provide coverage for
10 certain eye examination and medically necessary
11 followup visits; providing an effective date.

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

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15 Section 1. Section 627.6414, Florida Statutes, is
16 created to read:

17 627.6414 Coverage of eye examinations for children up
18 to the age of 5 years.--A health insurance policy or group
19 health insurance policy must cover one routine eye examination
20 for a child up to the age of 5 years, plus any medically
21 necessary followup visits.

22 Section 2. Subsection (39) is added to section 641.31,
23 Florida Statutes, to read:

24 641.31 Health maintenance contracts.--

25 (39) A health maintenance contract that covers a child
26 under the age of 18 years and provides coverage, benefits, or
27 services for members of the family of a subscriber must
28 provide coverage for one routine eye examination for each
29 child up to the age of 5 years, plus any medically necessary
30 followup visits.

31 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2000.

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SENATE SUMMARY

Requires exclusive provider organizations and health maintenance organizations to provide one routine eye examination and necessary followup visits for covered children up to the age of 5 years.