

By Representative Merchant

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to health insurance; creating  
3           ss. 627.6410 and 627.65747, F.S., and amending  
4           s. 641.31, F.S.; prohibiting certain health  
5           insurance policies and health maintenance  
6           contracts from applying certain payments to  
7           certain limits specified in the policies or  
8           contracts; providing an effective date.

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

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12           Section 1. Section 627.6410, Florida Statutes, is  
13 created to read:

14           627.6410 Coverage for early intervention services;  
15 limitation.--Any accident or health insurance policy that  
16 covers a child in this state from birth to 3 years of age,  
17 which provides for payments for early intervention services  
18 for such child and that is issued, amended, delivered, or  
19 renewed in this state after October 1, 2000, shall not provide  
20 for application of such payments against any maximum annual or  
21 lifetime limits specified in the policy.

22           Section 2. Section 627.65747, Florida Statutes, is  
23 created to read:

24           627.65747 Coverage for early intervention services;  
25 limitation.--Any group, blanket, or franchise accident or  
26 health insurance policy that covers a child in this state from  
27 birth to 3 years of age, which provides for payments for early  
28 intervention services for such child and that is issued,  
29 amended, delivered, or renewed in this state after October 1,  
30 2000, shall not provide for application of such payments

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1 against any maximum annual or lifetime limits specified in the  
2 policy.

3 Section 3. Subsection (39) is added to section 641.31,  
4 Florida Statutes, to read:

5 641.31 Health maintenance contracts.--

6 (39) Any health maintenance contract that covers a  
7 child in this state from birth to 3 years of age, which  
8 provides for payments for early intervention services for such  
9 child and that is issued, amended, delivered, or renewed in  
10 this state after October 1, 2000, shall not provide for  
11 application of such payments against any maximum annual or  
12 lifetime limits specified in the contract.

13 Section 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
14 law.

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16 HOUSE SUMMARY

17 Prohibits health insurance policies, group, blanket, or  
18 franchise health insurance policies, and health  
19 maintenance contracts, that provide for payments for  
20 early intervention services for children from birth to 3  
21 years of age, from applying such payments against any  
22 maximum annual or lifetime limits specified in the  
23 policies or contracts.