

By Representative Stafford

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to health insurance; creating
3 ss. 627.6414 and 627.65753, F.S., and amending
4 s. 641.31, F.S.; requiring certain health
5 insurance policies and health maintenance
6 contracts to provide for one routine eye
7 examination and medically necessary followup
8 for certain children; providing an effective
9 date.

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

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13 Section 1. Section 627.6414, Florida Statutes, is
14 created to read:

15 627.6414 Coverage for children's eye examinations.--A
16 health insurance policy that covers a child under the age of
17 18 must provide coverage for one routine eye examination for a
18 child up to the age of 5 years old and any medically necessary
19 followup.

20 Section 2. Section 627.65753, Florida Statutes, is
21 created to read:

22 627.65753 Coverage for children's eye
23 examinations.--Any group, blanket, or franchise health
24 insurance policy that covers a child under the age of 18 must
25 provide coverage for one routine eye examination for a child
26 up to the age of 5 years old and any medically necessary
27 followup.

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

30 641.31 Health maintenance contracts.--

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1 (39) A health maintenance contract that covers a child
2 under the age of 18 or provides coverage, benefits, or
3 services for members of the family of a subscriber must
4 provide coverage for one routine eye examination for a child
5 up to the age of 5 years old and any medically necessary
6 followup.

7 Section 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
8 law.

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11 HOUSE SUMMARY

12 Requires health insurance policies, group, blanket, or
13 franchise health insurance policies, and health
14 maintenance contracts that cover children under the age
15 of 18 to provide coverage for one routine eye examination
16 for a child up to the age of 5 years old and any
17 medically necessary followup.

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