

By Representative Bucher

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to infant eye care; amending s.
3 383.04, F.S.; requiring certain eye
4 examinations for all infants born in hospitals
5 in the state; reenacting s. 383.07, F.S.,
6 relating to a penalty; amending ss. 627.6416
7 and 641.31, F.S.; providing that coverage for
8 children under health insurance policies and
9 health maintenance organization contracts
10 include certain eye examinations for infants
11 and children; 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 383.04, Florida Statutes, is
16 amended to read:

17 383.04 Prophylactic required for eyes of
18 infants.--Every physician, midwife, or other person in
19 attendance at the birth of a child in the state is required to
20 instill or have instilled into the eyes of the baby within 1
21 hour after birth an effective prophylactic recommended by the
22 Committee on Infectious Diseases of the American Academy of
23 Pediatrics for the prevention of neonatal ophthalmia. In
24 addition, every baby born in a hospital in the state shall
25 receive, prior to being discharged from the hospital, an eye
26 examination using an ophthalmoscope and dilation of the pupils
27 for detection of pediatric congenital and ocular
28 abnormalities.This section does not apply to cases where the
29 parents file with the physician, midwife, or other person in
30 attendance at the birth of a child written objections on
31 account of religious beliefs contrary to the use of drugs. In

1 such case the physician, midwife, or other person in
2 attendance shall maintain a record that such measures were or
3 were not employed and attach thereto any written objection.

4 Section 2. Section 383.07, Florida Statutes, is
5 reenacted to read:

6 383.07 Penalty for violation.--Any person who fails to
7 comply with the provisions of ss. 383.04-383.06 shall be
8 guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as
9 provided in s. 775.083.

10 Section 3. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section
11 627.6416, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

12 627.6416 Coverage for child health supervision
13 services.--

14 (2) As used in this section, the term "child health
15 supervision services" means physician-delivered or
16 physician-supervised services that include, at a minimum,
17 services delivered at the intervals and scope stated in this
18 section.

19 (a) Child health supervision services must include
20 periodic visits which shall include a history, a physical
21 examination, a developmental assessment and anticipatory
22 guidance, ~~and~~ appropriate immunizations and laboratory tests,
23 and eye examinations at birth, at 6 to 8 weeks of age, and at
24 6 to 9 months of age, using an ophthalmoscope and dilation of
25 the pupils for detection of pediatric congenital and ocular
26 abnormalities and developmental abnormalities. Such services
27 and periodic visits shall be provided in accordance with
28 prevailing medical standards consistent with the
29 Recommendations for Preventive Pediatric Health Care of the
30 American Academy of Pediatrics.

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1 Section 4. Paragraph (b) of subsection (30) of section
2 641.31, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

3 641.31 Health maintenance contracts.--

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5 (b) As used in this subsection, the term "child health
6 supervision services" means physician-delivered or
7 physician-supervised services that include, at a minimum,
8 services delivered at the intervals and scope stated in this
9 subsection.

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11 periodic visits which shall include a history, a physical
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17 abnormalities and developmental abnormalities. Such services
18 and periodic visits shall be provided in accordance with
19 prevailing medical standards consistent with the
20 Recommendations for Preventive Pediatric Health Care of the
21 American Academy of Pediatrics.

22 2. Minimum benefits may be limited to one visit
23 payable to one provider for all of the services provided at
24 each visit cited in this subsection.

25 Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2002.

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HOUSE SUMMARY

Requires each infant born in a hospital in the state to receive an eye examination for detection of pediatric congenital and ocular abnormalities. Requires health insurance policies and HMO contracts covering children to include coverage for such eye examinations at birth, 6 to 8 weeks of age, and 6 to 9 months of age.