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Representative Llorente offered the following:

**Amendment**

Remove line(s) 1241-1265, and insert:

Section 20. Subsections (1) and (3) of section 641.3111, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

641.3111 Extension of benefits.--

(1) Every group health maintenance contract shall provide that termination of the contract shall be without prejudice to any continuous loss which commenced while the contract was in force, but any extension of benefits beyond the period the contract was in force may be predicated upon the continuous total disability of the subscriber ~~and may be limited to payment for the treatment of a specific accident or illness incurred while the subscriber was a member.~~ The extension is required regardless of whether the group contract holder or other entity secures replacement coverage from a new insurer or health

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28 maintenance organization or foregoes the provision of coverage.  
29 The required provision must provide for continuation of contract  
30 benefits in connection with the treatment of a specific accident  
31 or illness incurred while the contract was in effect. Such  
32 extension of benefits may be limited to the occurrence of the  
33 earliest of the following events:

34 (a) The expiration of 12 months.

35 (b) Such time as the member is no longer totally disabled.

36 ~~(c) A succeeding carrier elects to provide replacement~~  
37 ~~coverage without limitation as to the disability condition.~~

38 (c)(d) The maximum benefits payable under the contract  
39 have been paid.

40 (3) In the case of maternity coverage, ~~when not covered by~~  
41 ~~the succeeding carrier,~~ a reasonable extension of benefits or  
42 accrued liability provision is required, which provision  
43 provides for continuation of the contract benefits in connection  
44 with maternity expenses for a pregnancy that commenced while the  
45 policy was in effect. The extension shall be for the period of  
46 that pregnancy and shall not be based upon total disability.