

Amendment No. (for drafter's use only)

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Representative Farkas offered the following:

Amendment (with directory and title amendments)

Between lines 1214 and 1215, insert:

(40) Each health maintenance organization shall make available to a contract holder as part of the application for any such contract, for an appropriate additional premium, the benefits or level of benefits specified in the December 1999 Florida Medicaid Therapy Services Handbook for genetic or congenital disorders or conditions involving speech, language, swallowing, and hearing and a hearing aid and earmolds benefit at the level of benefits specified in the January 2001 Florida Medicaid Hearing services Handbook.

(a) Such optional coverage is not required to be offered when substantially similar benefits are included in the contract issued to the subscriber.

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27 (b) This subsection does not require or prohibit the use
28 of a provider network.

29 (c) This subsection does not prohibit an organization from
30 requiring prior authorization for the benefits under this
31 subsection.

32 (d) This subsection does not apply to health maintenance
33 organizations issuing individual coverage to fewer than 50,000
34 members.

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36 ===== D I R E C T O R Y A M E N D M E N T =====

37 Remove line(s) 984, and insert:
38 641.31, Florida Statutes, are amended, and a new subsection (40)
39 is added to said section, to read:

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41 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

42 Remove line 59, and insert:
43 claim related to limiting age attainment; requiring health
44 maintenance organizations to offer certain coverage for
45 speech, language, swallowing, and hearing disorders subject
46 to limitation and exclusion; amending s.

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