

Amendment No. (for drafter's use only)

CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26

.
.
.
.

Representative Farkas offered the following:

Amendment (with directory and title amendments)

Between lines 456 and 457, insert:

Section 10. Section 627.66912, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

627.66912 Optional coverage for speech, language, swallowing, and hearing disorders.--

(1) Insurers issuing group health insurance policies in this state shall make available to the policyholder as part of the application for any such policy of insurance, for an appropriate additional premium, the benefits or levels 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

Amendment No. (for drafter's use only)

27 specified in the January 2001 Florida Medicaid Hearing Services
28 Handbook.

29 (2) This section does not apply to specified accident,
30 specified disease, hospital indemnity, limited benefit,
31 disability income, or long-term care insurance policies.

32 (3) Such optional coverage is not required to be offered
33 when substantially similar benefits are included in the policy
34 of insurance issued to the policyholder.

35 (4) This section does not require or prohibit the use of a
36 provider network.

37 (5) This section does not prohibit an insurer from
38 requiring prior authorization for the benefits under this
39 section.

40

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

42

43 Remove line 37, and insert:
44 extension of benefits provisions; creating s. 627.66912, F.S.;
45 providing for optional coverage in group, blanket, and franchise
46 health insurance policies for speech, language, swallowing, and
47 hearing disorders; providing exclusion; providing exceptions;
48 providing a limitation; amending s. 627.6692,