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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to infant eye care; amending s. 383.04, F.S.; requiring certain eye examinations for all infants born in hospitals in the state; revising certain applicability provisions; reenacting s. 383.07, F.S., relating to a penalty; amending ss. 627.6416 and 641.31, F.S.; providing that coverage for children under health insurance policies and health maintenance organization contracts include certain eye examinations for infants and children; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 383.04, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

383.04 Prophylactic required for eyes of infants.--Every physician, midwife, or other person in attendance at the birth of a child in the state is required to instill or have instilled into the eyes of the baby within 1 hour after birth an effective prophylactic recommended by the Committee on Infectious Diseases of the American Academy of Pediatrics for the prevention of neonatal ophthalmia. In addition, every baby born in a hospital in the state shall receive, prior to being discharged from the hospital, an eye examination using an ophthalmoscope and dilation of the pupils for detection of pediatric congenital and ocular abnormalities and developmental abnormalities. The provisions relating to the examination using an ophthalmoscope are not subject to the provisions of s. 383.07. This section does not apply to cases where the parents file with the

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30 physician, midwife, or other person in attendance at the birth
 31 of a child written objections ~~on account of religious beliefs~~
 32 ~~contrary to the use of drugs~~. In such case the physician,
 33 midwife, or other person in attendance shall maintain a record
 34 that such measures were or were not employed and attach thereto
 35 any written objection.

36 Section 2. Section 383.07, Florida Statutes, is reenacted
 37 to read:

38 383.07 Penalty for violation.--Any person who fails to
 39 comply with the provisions of ss. 383.04-383.06 shall be guilty
 40 of a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in
 41 s. 775.083.

42 Section 3. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section
 43 627.6416, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

44 627.6416 Coverage for child health supervision services.--

45 (2) As used in this section, the term "child health
 46 supervision services" means physician-delivered or physician-
 47 supervised services that include, at a minimum, services
 48 delivered at the intervals and scope stated in this section.

49 (a) Child health supervision services must include
 50 periodic visits which shall include a history, a physical
 51 examination, a developmental assessment and anticipatory
 52 guidance, ~~and~~ appropriate immunizations and laboratory tests,
 53 and eye examinations at birth, at 6 to 8 weeks of age, and at 6
 54 to 9 months of age, using an ophthalmoscope and dilation of the
 55 pupils for detection of pediatric congenital and ocular
 56 abnormalities and developmental abnormalities. Such services and
 57 periodic visits shall be provided in accordance with prevailing
 58 medical standards consistent with the Recommendations for

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59 Preventive Pediatric Health Care of the American Academy of
60 Pediatrics.

61 Section 4. Paragraph (b) of subsection (30) of section
62 641.31, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

63 641.31 Health maintenance contracts.--

64 (30)

65 (b) As used in this subsection, the term "child health
66 supervision services" means physician-delivered or physician-
67 supervised services that include, at a minimum, services
68 delivered at the intervals and scope stated in this subsection.

69 1. Child health supervision services must include periodic
70 visits which shall include a history, a physical examination, a
71 developmental assessment and anticipatory guidance, ~~and~~
72 appropriate immunizations and laboratory tests, and eye
73 examinations at birth, at 6 to 8 weeks of age, and at 6 to 9
74 months of age, using an ophthalmoscope and dilation of the
75 pupils for detection of pediatric congenital and ocular
76 abnormalities and developmental abnormalities. Such services and
77 periodic visits shall be provided in accordance with prevailing
78 medical standards consistent with the Recommendations for
79 Preventive Pediatric Health Care of the American Academy of
80 Pediatrics.

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

84 Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2004.