

By Senator Wilson

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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; exempting this requirement from
6 s. 383.07, F.S., relating to a penalty;
7 revising an exception to certain applicability
8 requirements concerning infant eye care;
9 amending ss. 627.6416 and 641.31, F.S.;
10 providing that coverage for children under
11 health insurance policies and health
12 maintenance organization contracts must include
13 certain eye examinations for infants and
14 children; providing an effective date.

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

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

20 383.04 Prophylactic required for eyes of
21 infants.--Every physician, midwife, or other person in
22 attendance at the birth of a child in the state shall is
23 ~~required to~~ instill or have instilled into the eyes of the
24 baby within 1 hour after birth an effective prophylactic
25 recommended by the Committee on Infectious Diseases of the
26 American Academy of Pediatrics for the prevention of neonatal
27 ophthalmia. In addition, each baby born in a hospital in the
28 state must, before being discharged from the hospital, receive
29 an eye examination using an ophthalmoscope and dilation of the
30 pupils for detection of pediatric congenital and ocular
31 abnormalities; however, this requirement is not subject to s.

1 | 383.07. This section does not apply to cases where the parents
2 | file with the physician, midwife, or other person in
3 | attendance at the birth of a child written objections ~~on~~
4 | ~~account of religious beliefs contrary to the use of drugs.~~ In
5 | such case the physician, midwife, or other person in
6 | attendance shall maintain a record that such measures were or
7 | were not employed and attach thereto any written objection.

8 | Section 2. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section
9 | 627.6416, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

10 | 627.6416 Coverage for child health supervision
11 | services.--

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

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

29 | Section 3. Subsection (30) of section 641.31, Florida
30 | Statutes, is amended to read:

31 | 641.31 Health maintenance contracts.--

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2 (30)(a) All health maintenance contracts which provide
3 coverage, benefits, or services for a member of the family of
4 the subscriber must, as to such family member's coverage,
5 benefits, or services, also provide that the benefits
6 applicable for children include coverage for child health
7 supervision services from the moment of birth to age 16 years.

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

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

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

28 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006.

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SENATE SUMMARY

Requires certain eye examinations for all infants born in hospitals in the state. Exempts this requirement from certain penalty provisions. Revises an exception to the requirements for infant eye care. Requires that coverage for children under health insurance policies and health maintenance organization contracts include certain eye examinations for infants and children.