

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to infant eye care; amending s. 383.04, F.S.; requiring certain eye examinations for infants born in hospitals in the state; revising applicability; amending s. 383.07, F.S.; specifying application of certain penalty provisions; amending ss. 627.6416 and 641.31, F.S.; providing that coverage for children under health insurance policies and health maintenance organization contracts must 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.--

(1) 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.

(2) Every child born in a hospital in the state, before being discharged from the hospital, shall receive an eye examination using an ophthalmoscope and dilation of the pupils for detection of pediatric congenital, ocular, and developmental abnormalities.

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29 (3) This section does not apply to cases where the parents
 30 file with the physician, midwife, or other person in attendance
 31 at the birth of a child written objections ~~on account of~~
 32 ~~religious beliefs contrary to the use of drugs~~. In such case the
 33 physician, midwife, or other person in attendance shall maintain
 34 a record that such measures were or were not employed and attach
 35 thereto any written objection.

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

38 383.07 Penalty for violation.--Any person who fails to
 39 comply with the provisions of s. 382.04(1) or s. 383.06 commits
 40 ~~ss. 383.04 383.06 shall be guilty of~~ a misdemeanor of the second
 41 degree, punishable as provided in 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, ocular, and
 56 developmental abnormalities. Such services and periodic visits

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57 shall be provided in accordance with prevailing medical
58 standards consistent with the Recommendations for Preventive
59 Pediatric Health Care of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

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

62 641.31 Health maintenance contracts.--

63 (30)

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

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

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

82 Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007.