

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 written objections with the physician, midwife, or other
3 person in attendance at the birth of a child ~~written~~
4 ~~objections on account of religious beliefs contrary to the use~~
5 ~~of drugs.~~ In such case the physician, midwife, or other
6 person in attendance shall maintain a record that such
7 measures were or were not employed and attach thereto any
8 written objection.

9 Section 2. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section
10 627.6416, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

11 627.6416 Coverage for child health supervision
12 services.--

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

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

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

1 641.31 Health maintenance contracts.--

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

9 (b) As used in this subsection, the term "child health
10 supervision services" means physician-delivered or
11 physician-supervised services that include, at a minimum,
12 services delivered at the intervals and scope stated in this
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24 standards consistent with the Recommendations for Preventive
25 Pediatric Health Care of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

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

29 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007.

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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.