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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to infant eye care; amending s. 383.04,
3 F.S.; requiring certain eye examinations for all infants
4 born in hospitals in the state; exempting this requirement
5 from s. 383.07, F.S., relating to a penalty; revising an
6 exception to certain applicability requirements concerning
7 infant eye care; amending ss. 627.6416 and 641.31, F.S.;
8 providing that coverage for children under health
9 insurance policies and health maintenance organization
10 contracts must include certain eye examinations for
11 infants and children; providing an effective date.

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

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

17 383.04 Prophylactic required for eyes of infants.--Every
18 physician, midwife, or other person in attendance at the birth
19 of a child in the state shall ~~is required to~~ instill or have
20 instilled into the eyes of the baby within 1 hour after birth an
21 effective prophylactic recommended by the Committee on
22 Infectious Diseases of the American Academy of Pediatrics for
23 the prevention of neonatal ophthalmia. In addition, each baby
24 born in a hospital in the state must, before being discharged
25 from the hospital, receive an eye examination using an
26 ophthalmoscope and dilation of the pupils for detection of
27 pediatric congenital and ocular abnormalities; however, this
28 requirement is not subject to s. 383.07. This section does not

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29 | apply to cases where the parents file written objections with
 30 | the physician, midwife, or other person in attendance at the
 31 | birth of a child ~~written objections on account of religious~~
 32 | ~~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. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section
 37 | 627.6416, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

38 | 627.6416 Coverage for child health supervision services.--

39 | (2) As used in this section, the term "child health
 40 | supervision services" means physician-delivered or physician-
 41 | supervised services that include, at a minimum, services
 42 | delivered at the intervals and scope stated in this section.

43 | (a) Child health supervision services must include
 44 | periodic visits that ~~which shall~~ include a history;i; a physical
 45 | examination;i; a developmental assessment and anticipatory
 46 | guidance;i; ~~and~~ appropriate immunizations and laboratory tests;i
 47 | and eye examinations at birth, at 6 to 8 weeks of age, and at 6
 48 | to 9 months of age, using an ophthalmoscope and dilation of the
 49 | pupils for detection of pediatric congenital and ocular
 50 | abnormalities and developmental abnormalities. Such services and
 51 | periodic visits shall be provided in accordance with prevailing
 52 | medical standards consistent with the Recommendations for
 53 | Preventive Pediatric Health Care of the American Academy of
 54 | Pediatrics.

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

57 641.31 Health maintenance contracts.--

58 (30) (a) All health maintenance contracts which provide
 59 coverage, benefits, or services for a member of the family of
 60 the subscriber must, as to such family member's coverage,
 61 benefits, or services, also provide that the benefits applicable
 62 for children include coverage for child health supervision
 63 services from the moment of birth to age 16 years.

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

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

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