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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to postdelivery care requirements for mothers and
2 newborns.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 514C.11 MINIMUM POSTDELIVERY
2 CARE REQUIREMENTS.

3 1. Notwithstanding section 514C.6, an individual or group
4 policy of accident or health insurance or individual or group
5 hospital or health care service contract issued pursuant to
6 chapter 509, 514, or 514A or an individual or group health
7 maintenance organization contract issued and regulated under
8 chapter 514B, which is delivered, amended, or renewed on or
9 after July 1, 1996, and which provides maternity benefits,
10 shall provide coverage for a minimum of forty-eight hours of
11 inpatient care following a vaginal delivery and a minimum of
12 ninety-six hours of inpatient care following a cesarean
13 section for the insured mother and newly born child in a
14 hospital licensed pursuant to chapter 135B.

15 2. a. A mother and newly born child shall only be
16 discharged prior to the minimum inpatient length of care
17 prescribed under subsection 1 if the attending provider
18 determines that the minimum inpatient stay is not necessary,
19 following consultation with the mother.

20 b. If the mother and newly born child are discharged
21 pursuant to paragraph "a" prior to the required minimum length
22 of care, the entity providing coverage, as described in
23 subsection 1, shall provide coverage for a postdischarge visit
24 to the mother and newly born child by an attending provider
25 within forty-eight hours of the discharge. Services provided
26 during the visit shall include but are not limited to a
27 physical assessment of the newly born child, parent education,
28 assistance and training in breast or bottle feeding,
29 assessment of the home support system, and the performance of
30 any medically necessary and appropriate clinical tests. The
31 services shall be consistent with protocols and guidelines
32 developed by national pediatric, obstetric, and nursing
33 professional organizations for these services.

34 3. An entity providing coverage, as described in
35 subsection 1, shall not deselect, terminate services to,

1 require additional documentation from, require additional
2 utilization review of, reduce payments, or in any other manner
3 provide disincentives to an attending provider who complies
4 with the provisions of this section.

5 4. As used in this section, "attending provider" means a
6 pediatrician or other licensed physician attending the newly
7 born child, or an obstetrician, certified nurse-midwife, or
8 other physician attending the mother.

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EXPLANATION

10 This bill requires that an individual or group policy of
11 accident or health insurance, an individual or group hospital
12 or health care service contract, or an individual or group
13 health maintenance organization contract, which is delivered,
14 amended, or renewed on or after July 1, 1996, and which
15 provides maternity benefits, is to provide a minimum of 48
16 hours of inpatient care following a vaginal delivery and a
17 minimum of 96 hours of inpatient care following a cesarean
18 section for an insured mother and the newly born child in a
19 licensed hospital. The bill also provides that if the
20 attending provider, in consultation with the mother, decides
21 to shorten the required length of stay, a follow-up visit must
22 be provided within 48 hours of the discharge. The bill
23 designates the follow-up services to be provided by an
24 attending provider and also defines "attending provider". The
25 bill also prohibits an insurer or other coverage provider from
26 terminating the services of, requiring additional
27 documentation or utilization review, reducing payments, or
28 otherwise providing disincentives to attending providers for
29 compliance with the bill.

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