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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the postdelivery care requirements.  
2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 514C.11 POSTDELIVERY CARE  
2 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 benefits for maternity  
10 or newborn care or services shall not terminate inpatient  
11 benefits or require discharge from the hospital of a mother or  
12 newborn, following delivery, earlier than is determined to be  
13 medically appropriate by the attending physician following  
14 consultation with the mother and in accordance with the most  
15 recent guidelines for perinatal care established by the  
16 American academy of pediatrics and the American college of  
17 obstetricians and gynecologists.

18 2. If follow-up care, subsequent to the discharge of the  
19 mother or newborn, is determined by the attending physician to  
20 be medically appropriate in accordance with the most recent  
21 guidelines for perinatal care established by the American  
22 academy of pediatrics and the American college of  
23 obstetricians and gynecologists, coverage shall be provided  
24 for the follow-up care under any policy provided by a person  
25 who provides an individual or group policy of accident or  
26 health insurance or individual or group hospital or health  
27 care services contract issued pursuant to chapter 509, 514, or  
28 514A or an individual or group health maintenance organization  
29 contract issued and regulated under chapter 514B, which is  
30 delivered, amended, or renewed on or after July 1, 1996.

31 3. When performing utilization review of inpatient  
32 hospital services related to maternity and newborn care,  
33 including but not limited to length of stay, any person who  
34 provides an individual or group policy of accident or health  
35 insurance or individual or group hospital or health care

1 service contract issued pursuant to chapter 509, 514, or 514A  
2 or an individual or group health maintenance organization  
3 contract issued and regulated under chapter 514B, which is  
4 delivered, amended, or renewed on or after July 1, 1996, shall  
5 use the most recent guidelines for perinatal care established  
6 by the American academy of pediatrics and the American college  
7 of obstetricians and gynecologists.

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## EXPLANATION

9 This bill provides that a person who provides an individual  
10 or group policy of accident or health insurance, an individual  
11 or group hospital or health care service contract, or an  
12 individual or group health maintenance organization contract,  
13 which is delivered, amended, or renewed on or after July 1,  
14 1996, and which provides benefits for maternity or newborn  
15 care or services, shall not terminate inpatient benefits or  
16 require the discharge of a mother or newborn from the hospital  
17 following delivery earlier than is medically appropriate based  
18 upon a determination by the attending physician in  
19 consultation with the mother and in accordance with the most  
20 recent guidelines for perinatal care established by the  
21 American academy of pediatrics and the American college of  
22 obstetricians and gynecologists. The bill also requires that  
23 when a mother or newborn requires follow-up care after  
24 discharge from the hospital as determined by the attending  
25 physician in accordance with the guidelines, coverage is to be  
26 provided by any of the abovenamed entities. The bill requires  
27 that when any of the abovenamed entities is performing  
28 utilization review of inpatient hospital maternity and newborn  
29 care services, including but not limited to inpatient length  
30 of stay, the entity is to use the most recent guidelines for  
31 perinatal care established by the American academy of  
32 pediatrics and the American college of obstetricians and  
33 gynecologists.

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