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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the postdelivery benefits and care

2 requirements for mothers and newborns.

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

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1 Section 1. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. 514C.11 POSTDELIVERY BENEFITS 2 AND CARE.

Notwithstanding section 514C.6, a person who provides 3 1. 4 an individual or group policy of accident or health insurance 5 or individual or group hospital or health care service 6 contract issued pursuant to chapter 509, 514, or 514A or an 7 individual or group health maintenance organization contract 8 issued and regulated under chapter 514B, which is delivered, 9 amended, or renewed on or after July 1, 1996, and which 10 provides maternity benefits or newborn care benefits, shall 11 not terminate inpatient benefits or require discharge of a 12 mother or the newborn from a hospital following delivery 13 earlier than determined to be medically appropriate by the 14 attending physician after consultation with the mother and in 15 accordance with the most recent guidelines for perinatal care 16 established by the American academy of pediatrics and the 17 American college of obstetricians and gynecologists.

2. When performing utilization review of inpatient 19 hospital services related to maternity and newborn care, 20 including but not limited to length of postdelivery stay, any 21 person who provides an individual or group policy of accident 22 or health insurance or individual or group hospital or health 23 care service contract issued pursuant to chapter 509, 514, or 24 514A, or an individual or group health maintenance 25 organization contract issued and regulated under chapter 514B, 26 shall use the most recent guidelines for perinatal care 27 established by the American academy of pediatrics and the 28 American college of obstetricians and gynecologists.

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## EXPLANATION

This bill provides that a person who provides an individual or group policy of accident or health insurance, an individual or group hospital or health care service contract, or an individual or group health maintenance organization contract, which is delivered, amended, or renewed on or after July 1, 1996, and which provides maternity benefits or benefits for

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1 newborns, shall not terminate inpatient benefits or require
2 the discharge of a mother or newborn from the hospital
3 following delivery earlier than is medically appropriate based
4 upon a determination by the attending physician in
5 consultation with the mother and in accordance with the
6 guidelines established by the American academy of pediatrics
7 and the American college of obstetricians and gynecologists.
8 The bill also requires that when any of the above named
9 entities is performing utilization review of inpatient
10 hospital maternity and newborn care services, including but
11 not limited to inpatient length of stay, the entity is to use
12 the most recent guidelines for perinatal care established by
13 the American academy of pediatrics and the American college of

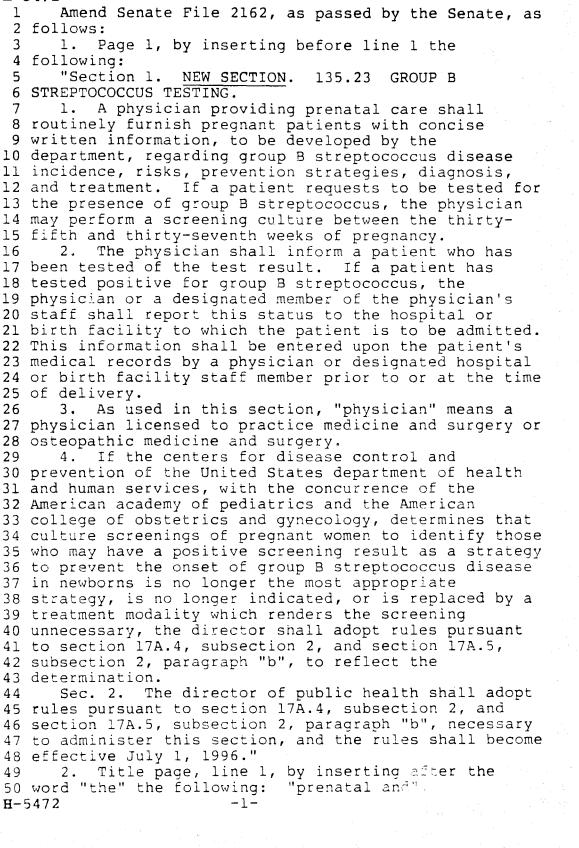
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1 3. By renumbering as necessary. By BLODGETT of Cerro Gordo H-5472 FILED MARCH 19, 1996