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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. NEW SECTION. 514C.11 POSTDELIVERY BENEFITS
2 AND CARE.

3 1. Notwithstanding section 514C.6, a person who provides
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.

18 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.

29 EXPLANATION

30 This bill provides that a person who provides an individual
31 or group policy of accident or health insurance, an individual
32 or group hospital or health care service contract, or an
33 individual or group health maintenance organization contract,
34 which is delivered, amended, or renewed on or after July 1,
35 1996, and which provides maternity benefits or benefits for

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
14 obstetricians and gynecologists.

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1 Amend Senate File 2162, as passed by the Senate, as
2 follows:

3 1. Page 1, by inserting before line 1 the
4 following:

5 "Section 1. NEW SECTION. 135.23 GROUP B
6 STREPTOCOCCUS TESTING.

7 1. A physician providing prenatal care shall
8 routinely furnish pregnant patients with concise
9 written information, to be developed by the
10 department, regarding group B streptococcus disease
11 incidence, risks, prevention strategies, diagnosis,
12 and treatment. If a patient requests to be tested for
13 the presence of group B streptococcus, the physician
14 may perform a screening culture between the thirty-
15 fifth and thirty-seventh weeks of pregnancy.

16 2. The physician shall inform a patient who has
17 been tested of the test result. If a patient has
18 tested positive for group B streptococcus, the
19 physician or a designated member of the physician's
20 staff shall report this status to the hospital or
21 birth facility to which the patient is to be admitted.
22 This information shall be entered upon the patient's
23 medical records by a physician or designated hospital
24 or birth facility staff member prior to or at the time
25 of delivery.

26 3. As used in this section, "physician" means a
27 physician licensed to practice medicine and surgery or
28 osteopathic medicine and surgery.

29 4. If the centers for disease control and
30 prevention of the United States department of health
31 and human services, with the concurrence of the
32 American academy of pediatrics and the American
33 college of obstetrics and gynecology, determines that
34 culture screenings of pregnant women to identify those
35 who may have a positive screening result as a strategy
36 to prevent the onset of group B streptococcus disease
37 in newborns is no longer the most appropriate
38 strategy, is no longer indicated, or is replaced by a
39 treatment modality which renders the screening
40 unnecessary, the director shall adopt rules pursuant
41 to section 17A.4, subsection 2, and section 17A.5,
42 subsection 2, paragraph "b", to reflect the
43 determination.

44 Sec. 2. The director of public health shall adopt
45 rules pursuant to section 17A.4, subsection 2, and
46 section 17A.5, subsection 2, paragraph "b", necessary
47 to administer this section, and the rules shall become
48 effective July 1, 1996."

49 2. Title page, line 1, by inserting after the
50 word "the" the following: "prenatal and".

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1 3. By renumbering as necessary.

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