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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to inpatient benefits and care requirements  
2 following a mastectomy.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 514C.13 POSTMASTECTOMY PROCEDURE  
2 BENEFITS 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, 509A, 514, or 514A or  
7 an individual or group health maintenance organization  
8 contract issued and regulated under chapter 514B, which is  
9 delivered, amended, or renewed on or after July 1, 1997, and  
10 which provides mastectomy procedure benefits, shall not  
11 terminate inpatient benefits or require discharge of a patient  
12 from a hospital earlier than a minimum of forty-eight hours  
13 following a mastectomy procedure except as otherwise provided  
14 in this section.

15 2. A patient may be discharged from a hospital earlier  
16 than forty-eight hours following a mastectomy procedure if the  
17 attending physician determines, in accordance with the  
18 protocols and guidelines developed by the American college of  
19 surgeons, that the patient meets the appropriate guidelines  
20 for that length of stay based upon evaluation of the patient  
21 and the coverage for and availability of a postdischarge  
22 physician office visit or in-home visit by a registered nurse  
23 licensed to practice pursuant to chapter 152 to verify the  
24 condition of the patient in the initial forty-eight hours  
25 after the discharge.

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EXPLANATION

27 This bill prohibits an individual or group policy of  
28 accident or health insurance, an individual or group hospital  
29 or health care service contract, or an individual or group  
30 health maintenance organization contract, which is delivered,  
31 amended, or renewed on or after July 1, 1997, and which  
32 provides mastectomy procedure benefits, from terminating in-  
33 patient benefits or requiring discharge of a patient from the  
34 hospital earlier than a minimum of 48 hours following a  
35 mastectomy procedure unless the attending physician

1 determines, in accordance with protocols and guidelines  
2 developed by the American college of surgeons, that the  
3 patient meets the appropriate guidelines for that length of  
4 stay based upon an evaluation of the patient and coverage for  
5 and availability of a postdischarge physician office visit or  
6 a home visit by a registered nurse within 48 hours following  
7 the discharge.

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