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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to providing well-child care under individual
2 accident and sickness insurance, group nonprofit health
3 service plans, and prepaid group plans of health maintenance
4 organizations.

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

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HF 2284

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 513C.8A COMMISSIONER'S AUTHORITY
2 -- WELL-CHILD CARE.

3 1. Upon the commissioner's determination under section
4 513C.8 to include well-child care in basic or standard health
5 benefit coverage policies, the commissioner shall do all of
6 the following:

7 a. Adopt by rule requirements for the general provision of
8 coverage for benefits for routine well-child care.

9 b. Apply the requirement for coverage to all appropriate
10 entities providing individual health care benefits under the
11 jurisdiction of the commissioner.

12 2. In determining the requirements under subsection 1, the
13 commissioner shall consider all of the following:

14 a. The costs versus corresponding benefits of such
15 coverage.

16 b. Normally anticipated health problems and recommended
17 routine preventive care.

18 c. Continuity of coverage for any congenital defects and
19 birth abnormalities, injuries, or illnesses arising within the
20 well-child coverage period.

21 3. Well-child care coverage as provided for in this
22 section applies to an individual under seven years of age.

23 EXPLANATION

24 This bill provides that upon the commissioner's
25 determination under Code section 513C.8 to include well-child
26 care in basic or standard health benefit coverage policies,
27 the commissioner is to adopt by rule requirements for the
28 general provision of coverage for benefits for routine well-
29 child care, and apply the requirement for coverage to all
30 appropriate entities providing individual health care benefits
31 under the jurisdiction of the commissioner. In determining
32 the requirements for such coverage the commissioner is to
33 consider the costs versus corresponding benefits of such
34 coverage, normally anticipated health problems and recommended
35 routine preventive care, and continuity of coverage for any

1 congenital defects and birth abnormalities, injuries, or
2 illnesses arising within the well-child coverage period. The
3 bill provides that well-child coverage applies to an
4 individual under seven years of age.

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