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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the preexisting condition provisions under a
2 small group health coverage or individual health insurance
3 benefit plan.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 513B.10, subsection 4, paragraph a,
2 subparagraph (2), Code 1999, is amended to read as follows:

3 (2) The exclusion extends for a period of not more than
4 ~~twelve~~ six months, or ~~eighteen~~ twelve months in the case of a
5 late enrollee, after the enrollment date.

6 Sec. 2. Section 513B.10, subsection 4, paragraph d, Code
7 1999, is amended to read as follows:

8 d. Health insurance coverage may exclude coverage for late
9 enrollees for preexisting conditions for a period not to
10 exceed ~~eighteen~~ twelve months.

11 Sec. 3. Section 513C.7, subsection 4, paragraph a, Code
12 1999, is amended to read as follows:

13 a. The individual basic or standard health benefit plan
14 shall not deny, exclude, or limit benefits for a covered
15 individual for losses incurred more than ~~twelve~~ six months
16 following the effective date of the individual's coverage due
17 to a preexisting condition. A preexisting condition shall not
18 be defined more restrictively than any of the following:

19 (1) A condition that would cause an ordinarily prudent
20 person to seek medical advice, diagnosis, care, or treatment
21 during the ~~twelve~~ six months immediately preceding the
22 effective date of coverage.

23 (2) A condition for which medical advice, diagnosis, care,
24 or treatment was recommended or received during the ~~twelve~~ six
25 months immediately preceding the effective date of coverage.

26 (3) A pregnancy existing on the effective date of
27 coverage.

28 EXPLANATION

29 This bill reduces to six months the period for exclusion,
30 limitation, or denial of benefits or coverage and from 18
31 months to 12 months the period of exclusion, limitation, or
32 denial of benefits or coverage for late enrollees by a small
33 group health or individual health insurance carrier based upon
34 a preexisting condition.

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