

HOUSE BILL NO. 687  
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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT EXTENDING INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR WELL-CHILD CARE FROM AGE 2 TO AGE 7; AND AMENDING SECTION 33-22-512, MCA."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

**Section 1.** Section 33-22-512, MCA, is amended to read:

**"33-22-512. Coverage for well-child care.** (1) Each group disability policy or certificate of insurance that is delivered, issued for delivery, renewed, extended, or modified in this state by a disability insurer and that provides coverage for a family member of the insured or subscriber must provide coverage for well-child care for children from the moment of birth through ~~2~~ 7 years of age. Benefits provided under this coverage are exempt from any deductible provision that may be in force in the policy or certificate issued under the policy.

(2) Coverage for well-child care under subsection (1) must include:

(a) a history, physical examination, developmental assessment, anticipatory guidance, and laboratory tests, according to the schedule of visits adopted under the early and periodic screening, diagnosis, and treatment services program provided for in 53-6-101; and

(b) routine immunizations according to the schedule for immunizations recommended by the immunization practices advisory committee of the U.S. department of health and human services.

(3) Minimum benefits may be limited to one visit payable to one provider for all of the services provided at each visit cited in this section.

(4) This section does not apply to disability income, specified disease, accident-only, medicare supplement, or hospital indemnity policies or certificates.

(5) For purposes of this section:

(a) "well-child care" means the services described in subsection (2) and delivered by a physician or a health care professional supervised by a physician; and

(b) "developmental assessment" and "anticipatory guidance" mean the services described in the Guidelines for Health Supervision II, published by the American academy of pediatrics.

(6) When a group disability policy or certificate of insurance issued under the policy provides coverage or benefits to a resident of this state, it is considered to be delivered in this state within the meaning of this

section, whether the insurer that issued or delivered the policy or certificate is located inside or outside of this state."

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