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SENATE BILL

No. 155

Introduced by Senator Evans

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and Bonnie Lowenthal)*

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An act to add Section 10123.865 to the Insurance Code, relating to health care coverage.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 155, as amended, Evans. Maternity services.

Existing law provides for the regulation of health insurers by the Department of Insurance. Under existing law, a health insurer that provides maternity coverage may not restrict inpatient hospital benefits, as specified, and is required to provide notice of the maternity services coverage.

~~This bill would require new forms for health insurance policies submitted to the department after January 1, 2012, to provide coverage for maternity services, as defined. With respect to policy forms on file with the department as of January 1, 2012, the bill would require health insurers to submit to the department, on or before March 1, 2012, revised policy forms that provide coverage for maternity services and would require insurers to include that coverage in the corresponding policies that are issued, amended, or renewed following the department's approval of the revised forms, as specified, commencing July 1, 2012, would require every individual and group health insurance policy to~~

provide coverage for maternity services for all insureds covered under the policy.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares the following:

2 (a) In actual practice, health care service plans have been
3 required by the Knox-Keene Health Care Service Plan Act of 1975
4 (Chapter 2.2 (commencing with Section 1340) of Division 2 of
5 the Health and Safety Code) to provide maternity services as a
6 basic health care benefit.

7 (b) At the same time, existing law does not require health
8 insurers to provide designated basic health care services and,
9 therefore, health insurers are not required to provide coverage for
10 maternity services.

11 (c) Therefore, it is essential to clarify that all health care
12 coverage made available to California consumers, whether issued
13 by health care service plans regulated by the Department of
14 Managed Health Care or by health insurers regulated by the
15 Department of Insurance, must include maternity services.

16 SEC. 2. Section 10123.865 is added to the Insurance Code, to
17 read:

18 10123.865. (a) ~~With respect to a pending or approved~~
19 ~~individual or group health insurance policy form on file with the~~
20 ~~department as of January 1, 2012, a health insurer shall submit to~~
21 ~~the department, on or before March 1, 2012, a revised policy form~~
22 ~~that provides coverage for maternity services. The corresponding~~
23 ~~policy issued, amended, or renewed on or after 30 days following~~
24 ~~the department's approval of the revised form shall include~~
25 ~~coverage for maternity services.~~

26 (b) ~~New forms for individual or group policies of health~~
27 ~~insurance submitted to the department after January 1, 2012, shall~~
28 ~~provide coverage for maternity services.~~

29 *Commencing no later than July 1, 2012, every individual and*
30 *group health insurance policy shall provide coverage for maternity*
31 *services for all insureds covered under the policy.*

32 (e)

1 (b) For purposes of this section, “maternity services” include
2 prenatal care, ambulatory care maternity services, involuntary
3 complications of pregnancy, neonatal care, and inpatient hospital
4 maternity care, including labor and delivery and postpartum care.
5 This definition of “maternity services” shall remain in effect until
6 such time as federal regulations and guidance issued pursuant to
7 the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Public
8 Law 111-148) define the scope of benefits to be provided under
9 the maternity benefit requirement of that act, after which time the
10 definition of that term under the federal act and associated
11 regulations and guidance shall apply for purposes of this section.

12 ~~(c)~~

13 (c) This section shall not apply to specialized health insurance,
14 Medicare supplement insurance, short-term limited duration health
15 insurance, CHAMPUS-supplement insurance, or TRI-CARE
16 supplement insurance, or to hospital indemnity, accident-only, or
17 specified disease insurance.