HB 531 2019

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to insurance coverage for hearing aids for children; creating s. 627.6413, F.S.; requiring certain health insurance policies to provide hearing aid coverage for insured children; providing coverage requirements; providing applicability; providing an effective date.

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Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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Section 1. Section 627.6413, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

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627.6413 Coverage for hearing aids for children.-

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(1) A health insurance policy that provides coverage on an expense-incurred basis for a member of the family of the insured must provide health insurance benefits that include coverage for children from birth through 21 years of age for hearing aids prescribed, fitted, and dispensed by a licensed audiologist.

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(2) An insurer must provide a minimum coverage amount of \$3,500 per ear within a 24-month period. However, if a child experiences a significant and unexpected change in his or her hearing or a medical condition requiring an unexpected change in the hearing aid before the existing 24-month period has expired, and alterations to the existing hearing aid do not or cannot meet the needs of the child, a new 24-month period shall begin

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(4) This section applies to a policy that is issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2020.

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Section 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 2020.