

WHEREAS, The Interdepartmental Committee on Mandated Health Insurance Benefits has found a cost benefit in a minimum package of child wellness services; now, therefore,

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 48A - Insurance Code

354KK.

(A) IN THIS SECTION, "CHILD WELLNESS SERVICES" MEANS A PREVENTIVE ACTIVITY DESIGNED TO:

- (1) PROTECT CHILDREN FROM MORBIDITY AND MORTALITY;
- AND
- (2) PROMOTE CHILD DEVELOPMENT.

(B) THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION APPLY TO A NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLAN THAT:

- (1) IS WRITTEN ON AN EXPENSE INCURRED BASIS;
- (2) PROVIDES COVERAGE FOR A FAMILY MEMBER OF THE INSURED; AND
- (3) ~~(H)~~ IS DELIVERED OR ISSUED FOR DELIVERY IN THE STATE; ~~OR~~
- ~~(H) COVERS PERSONS WHO RESIDE WITHIN THE STATE.~~

(C) (1) A NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLAN SHALL INCLUDE UNDER THE FAMILY MEMBER COVERAGE A MINIMUM PACKAGE OF CHILD WELLNESS SERVICES THAT ARE CONSISTENT WITH:

- (I) PUBLIC HEALTH POLICY;
- (II) PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS; AND
- (III) SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE OF EFFECTIVENESS.

(2) A CHILD WELLNESS SERVICES PACKAGE REQUIRED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL COVER AT LEAST:

- (I) ALL VISITS FOR AND COSTS OF CHILDHOOD AND ADOLESCENT IMMUNIZATIONS RECOMMENDED BY ~~THE UNITED STATES PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE OR THE AMERICAN~~ ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF ON IMMUNIZATION PRACTICES OF THE CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL;
- (II) ONE VISIT FOR THE PHENYLKETONURIA (PKU) TEST BETWEEN 2 AND 4 WEEKS OF AGE;