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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 68

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 68 as follows:

3 on page 1, line 7, by replacing "Coverage for hearing aids for
4 all" with "Audiological services."; and

5 on page 1, by deleting line 8; and

6 on page 2, by replacing line 1 through line 7 with the
7 following:

8 "(b) A group or individual policy of accident and health
9 insurance or managed care plan amended, delivered, issued, or
10 renewed after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the
11 96th General Assembly must provide coverage for audiological
12 services and hearing aids for children up to 18 years of age or
13 23 years of age if enrolled in a post-secondary educational
14 program. This coverage shall only apply to hearing aids that
15 are prescribed, fitted, and dispensed by a licensed

1 audiologist. A policy or plan may limit the hearing aid benefit
2 coverage period for each hearing-impaired ear to 36 months. The
3 coverage shall provide for a benefit of \$2,000 per
4 hearing-impaired ear per coverage period and guarantors shall
5 be contractually allowed to pay the difference between the
6 benefit amount and the audiologist's usual and customary charge
7 for the device. The benefit may be used to cover hearing aids,
8 assistive-listening devices, hearing-aid accessories,
9 hearing-aid repairs, earmolds, and remote controls that are
10 prescribed and dispensed by a licensed audiologist. A policy or
11 plan may provide for up to 4 additional ear molds per year at
12 \$50 each for children up to 5 years of age."