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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 26 with the  
7 following:

8 "(b) An individual or group policy of accident and health  
9 insurance or managed care plan that is amended, delivered,  
10 issued, or renewed after the effective date of this amendatory  
11 Act of the 96th General Assembly must provide coverage for  
12 audiological services, hearing instruments, and related  
13 services for children up to 18 years of age or 23 years of age  
14 if enrolled in a post secondary educational program when a  
15 hearing care professional prescribes, fits, and dispenses a

1 hearing instrument to augment communication.

2 (c) An insurer shall provide coverage, subject to all  
3 applicable co-payments, co-insurance, deductibles, and  
4 out-of-pocket limits for up to \$2,000 per hearing impaired ear  
5 per coverage period subject to the following restrictions:

6 (1) a policy or plan may limit the hearing aid benefit  
7 coverage period for each hearing-impaired ear to 36 months;

8 (2) the coverage shall provide for a benefit of \$2,000  
9 per hearing-impaired ear per coverage period and  
10 guarantors shall be contractually allowed to pay the  
11 difference between the benefit amount and the health care  
12 professional's usual and customary charge for the device;

13 (3) the benefit may be used to cover hearing aids,  
14 assistive-listening devices, hearing-aid accessories,  
15 hearing-aid repairs, earmolds, and remote controls that  
16 are prescribed and dispensed by a health care professional;

17 (4) a policy or plan may provide for up to 4 additional  
18 ear molds per year at \$50 each for children up to 5 years  
19 of age; and

20 (5) for all insured individuals, any hearing aid may be  
21 replaced at any time regardless of the above restrictions  
22 if there is a significant change in the insured  
23 individual's hearing status; such significant change is  
24 defined as a change of 10 decibels HL on the  
25 three-frequency pure-tone average (500Hz, 1000 Hz and 2000  
26 Hz) on a valid audiogram provided by a hearing care

1           professional."; and

2           on page 3, by deleting line 1.