

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL HB2178

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to insurance; amending 36 O.S. 2001, Section 6060.1, which relates to health insurance; modifying age for certain health insurance coverage; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 36 O.S. 2001, Section 6060.7, is amended to read as follows:

Section 6060.7 A. Any group health insurance or health benefit plan agreement, contract or policy, including the State and Education Employees Group Insurance Board and any indemnity plan, not-for-profit hospital or medical service or indemnity contract, prepaid or managed care plan or provider agreement, and Multiple Employer Welfare Arrangement (MEWA) or employer self-insured plan, except as exempt under federal ERISA provisions, that is offered, issued, or renewed on or after the effective date of this act shall provide coverage for audiological services and hearing aids for children up to ~~thirteen (13)~~ sixteen (16) years of age.

B. Nothing in this section shall be construed to extend the practice or privileges of any health care provider beyond that provided in the laws governing the provider's practice and privileges.

C. This requirement shall not apply to agreements, contracts or policies that provide coverage for a specified disease or other limited benefit coverage, or groups with fifty or fewer employees.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2002.

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