

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 3329

By: Miller

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to insurance; amending 36 O.S. 2001,
8 Section 6060.7, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 30,
9 O.S.L. 2002 (36 O.S. Supp. 2007, Section 6060.7),
10 which relates to audiological services; increasing
11 age of child eligible for ear mold coverage; and
12 providing an effective date.

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

14 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 36 O.S. 2001, Section 6060.7, as
15 amended by Section 1, Chapter 30, O.S.L. 2002 (36 O.S. Supp. 2007,
16 Section 6060.7), is amended to read as follows:

17 Section 6060.7 A. 1. Any group health insurance or health
18 benefit plan agreement, contract or policy, including the State and
19 Education Employees Group Insurance Board and any indemnity plan,
20 not-for-profit hospital or medical service or indemnity contract,
21 prepaid or managed care plan or provider agreement, and Multiple
22 Employer Welfare Arrangement (MEWA) or employer self-insured plan,
23 except as exempt under federal ERISA provisions, that is offered,
24 issued, or renewed on or after the effective date of this act shall

1 provide coverage for audiological services and hearing aids for
2 children up to eighteen (18) years of age.

3 2. Such coverage:

4 a. shall only apply to hearing aids that are prescribed,
5 filled and dispensed by a licensed audiologist, and

6 b. may limit the hearing aid benefit payable for each
7 hearing-impaired ear to every forty-eight (48) months;
8 provided, however, such coverage may provide for up to
9 four additional ear molds per year for children up to
10 ~~two (2)~~ eighteen (18) years of age.

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

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

18 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2008.

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