

Bill offers insurance for adopted youngsters

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Adopted children could be covered by health insurance the day they enter their new homes under a bill in a state Senate committee.

"Basically, if you adopt a child in Michigan, you can't get health insurance for a year," said Rep. Maxine Berman, D-Southfield, sponsor of the corrective House-passed measure.

"That's a hindrance to adopting children, especially older ones," Berman said.

"It's a step forward that's gotta be taken," said Don Marengere, president of Adoption Option, a major supporter of Berman's bills.

HOUSE BILLS 5443-5 would require health insurers to cover adopted children the day they enter their new homes, the same as children born to the family. Handicapped adoptees couldn't be denied coverage.

Under Michigan law, an adoption isn't final until a year after placement.

One bill applies to health maintenance organizations, the second to

Blue Cross and the third to independent insurers, Berman said.

"Many companies will not cover medical situations that our child had prior to his placement in our family," said Marengere, a Bloomfield Township resident. "Yet if our biological child has the same medical condition, he would receive coverage."

"A child is a child is a child," said Berman, summarizing her philosophy.

CURRENTLY, adopting parents must buy separate coverage for the child or have it covered by governmental Medicaid.

"Medicaid is a significant barrier," said Berman. "It's a very difficult process — 42 pages of forms. And a lot of doctors don't take Medicaid. (Rep.) Mary Brown told us not one doctor in Kalamazoo County accepts Medicaid."

The situation puts parents in the difficult position of telling adopted children whom they are treating as a member of their families. "You can't go to our doctor; you have to go to another doctor," she said.

Marengere said there are about 2,000 adoptions a year in Michigan (of 100,000 live births).

It's possible, said Marengere, for a young woman living with her parents to keep the child and have it covered under her parents' Blue Cross policy. But if the child is

placed for adoption, it couldn't be covered under the family policy for a year.

THE BILLS would apply to insurers but not to companies like General Motors which self-insure, he said. Berman said the HMOs and the

Blues had no problem agreeing to the bills, but independent insurers objected. "They believe the bills are harmful, but they made no case," she said.

The bills are in the Senate Commerce Committee where independent insurers are continuing to object.

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Route 410 in Southfield will lose one route. Due to relocation of the American Career Academy, the 9:55 a.m. trip from Southfield and 14 Mile roads will be discontinued.

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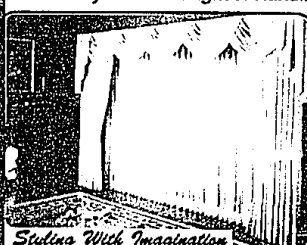
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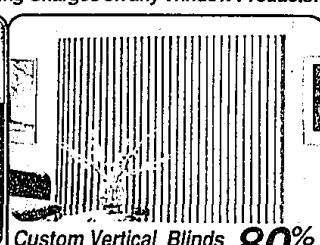
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