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A BILL FOR

1 An Act establishing a program for providing home visits for all
2 families in the state with a newborn child.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 28.11 FAMILIES WITH A NEWBORN
2 CHILD -- HOME VISITS.

3 1. a. The Iowa empowerment board shall implement a
4 program with the goal of making available a home visit for
5 each household in the state with a family that has a newborn
6 child. The components of the home visit shall include but are
7 not limited to assessing the child's home environment,
8 educating the families concerning newborn children, and
9 assisting families in accessing appropriate services.

10 b. The Iowa board shall coordinate with existing programs
11 that provide a visit to families with a newborn child as
12 necessary to make the best use of resources while expanding
13 the availability of home visits.

14 2. Home visit program implemented under this section shall
15 be administered at the local level through the local board of
16 health as defined in section 137.2. The following
17 requirements shall apply to local programs receiving funding
18 under the program:

19 a. Home visits shall be made by qualified and trained
20 staff.

21 b. The program staff shall demonstrate a capacity to
22 competently complete home visits and facilitate referrals to
23 and interventions by other resources available in the
24 community, based upon needs identified during a home visit.

25 c. The local program must have an acceptable plan for
26 implementing a cooperative arrangement with local hospitals
27 and birthing centers for the hospitals and centers to provide
28 referral information for contacting families with a newborn
29 child.

30 d. The local program must have the capacity to bill third-
31 party payors as appropriate and to leverage additional
32 resources, such as local cash or in-kind matching
33 contributions to sustain and enhance the local program.

34 e. The local program must apply performance measures
35 identified by the Iowa board and the local program

1 administrator and shall report outcome information on a
2 regular basis identified by the Iowa board.

3 3. The Iowa board shall implement the provisions of this
4 section subject to the funding provided for purposes of this
5 section.

6 EXPLANATION

7 This bill establishes a program for providing home visits
8 for all families in the state with a newborn child.

9 New Code section 28.11 directs the Iowa empowerment board
10 to implement the program with the goal of making available a
11 home visit for each household in the state with a family that
12 has a newborn child. The board is required to coordinate this
13 program with existing programs providing home visits to
14 families with a newborn child.

15 The program at the local level is required to use the local
16 board of health as administrator. The bill includes
17 requirements for the local program. The Iowa empowerment
18 board's implementation of the program is subject to the
19 funding provided for purposes of the program.

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