

**§ 58-3-170. Requirements for maternity coverage.**

(a) Every entity providing a health benefit plan that provides maternity coverage in this State shall provide benefits for the necessary care and treatment related to maternity that are no less favorable than benefits for physical illness generally.

(a1) Repealed by Session Laws 1997-259, s. 20.

(b) As used in this section, "health benefit plans" means accident and health insurance policies or certificates; nonprofit hospital or medical service corporation contracts; health, hospital, or medical service corporation plan contracts; health maintenance organization (HMO) subscriber contracts; and plans provided by a MEWA or plans provided by other benefit arrangements, to the extent permitted by ERISA. (1993, c. 506, s. 2; 1995, c. 517, s. 3.1; 1997-259, s. 20.)