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3 \* **Section 1.** AS 21.42 is amended by adding a new section to read:

4       **Sec. 21.42.351. Coverage for well-baby exams.** (a) A health care insurer that  
5 offers health care insurance that covers a dependent of a covered individual shall,  
6 initially and at each renewal, offer coverage for the cost of well-baby exams. The  
7 coverage required to be offered by this section is subject to standard policy provisions  
8 applicable to other benefits, including deductible or copayment provisions.

9       (b) In this section,

10               (1) "health care insurer" has the meaning given in AS 21.54.500;

11               (2) "health care professional" means a health aide, physician, nurse,  
12 and physician assistant, but does not include a practitioner of religious healing;

13               (3) "well-baby exam" means

1 (A) a periodic physical examination by a qualified health care  
2 professional of a baby during the first 24 months of life in which information is  
3 collected on matters including normal development, growth rate, hearing,  
4 vision, language skills, motor development, diet, general care, preventative  
5 health care, immunizations, and infectious diseases; and

6 (B) consultation between the health care professional and a  
7 parent.