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To amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for certain minimum requirements under the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program with respect to obstetrical benefits.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MILLER of California (for himself, Mr. DEFazio, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. DELLUMS, Mr. FLAKE, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mrs. SCHROEDER, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. OWENS, Mr. STARK, Mr. EVANS, Mr. FRAZER, Mr. BORSKI, Mr. NADLER, and Mr. SERRANO) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. CONTRACT REQUIREMENT.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 8902 of title 5, United
5 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the
6 following:

1 “(o)(1) A contract under this chapter which provides
2 obstetrical benefits may not be approved unless it provides
3 coverage for at least—

4 “(A) 48 hours of inpatient care following a vag-
5 inal delivery, and

6 “(B) 96 hours of inpatient care following a de-
7 livery by caesarean section,

8 for the mother and her newborn child in a licensed hos-
9 pital.

10 “(2)(A) Paragraph (1) shall not apply if the contract
11 provides coverage for post-delivery care which satisfies
12 subparagraph (B).

13 “(B) In order to satisfy this subparagraph—

14 “(i) the post-delivery care must consist of at
15 least 3 home visits by a registered professional nurse
16 with at least 3 years of experience in community ma-
17 ternal and child health nursing;

18 “(ii) the post-delivery care must include parent
19 education, assistance and training in breast or bottle
20 feeding, and the performance of any necessary and
21 appropriate maternal and neonatal physical assess-
22 ments; and

23 “(iii) the first home visit must take place within
24 such period of time as the Office shall by regulation
25 prescribe, except that, if the delivery is in a hospital,

1 such visit must take place within 24 hours after the
2 mother and her newborn child have been dis-
3 charged.”.

4 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
5 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to contracts entered
6 into for any contract year beginning at least 6 months
7 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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