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CHAPTER 40—S.F.No.409

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An act relating to health; requiring coverage of emotionally handicapped children in health benefit plans; amending Minnesota Statutes 1974, Chapter 62A, by adding a section.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1974, Chapter 62A, is amended by adding a section to read:

[62A.151] HEALTH INSURANCE; BENEFITS FOR EMOTIONALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN. No policy or plan of health, medical, hospitalization, or accident and sickness insurance regulated under chapter 62A, or nonprofit health service plan corporation regulated under chapter 62C, or health maintenance organization regulated under chapter 62D which provides coverage of or reimbursement for inpatient hospital and medical expenses shall be delivered, issued, executed or renewed in this state, or approved for issuance or renewal in this state by the commissioner of insurance, after the effective date of this section unless the policy or plan includes and provides health service benefits to any subscriber or other person covered thereunder, on the same basis as other benefits, for the treatment of emotionally handicapped children in a residential treatment facility licensed by the commissioner of public welfare. For purposes of this section "emotionally handicapped child" shall have the meaning set forth by the commissioner of public welfare in the rules and regulations relating to residential treatment facilities. The restrictions and requirements of this section shall not apply to any plan or policy which is individually underwritten or provided for a specific individual and the members of his family as a nongroup policy. The mandatory coverage under this section shall be on the same basis as inpatient hospital medical coverage provided under the policy or plan.

Sec. 2. This act is effective July 1, 1975.

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