

AN ACT

ENTITLED, An Act to require certain health benefit plans to provide coverage to persons with a serious medical condition for certain dental care services.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

Section 1. That § 58-17-84.1 be amended to read:

58-17-84.1. Any health benefit plan as defined by § 58-17-63 shall cover anesthesia and hospital or ambulatory surgery center charges for dental care provided to a covered person who:

- (1) Is a child under age five; or
- (2) If determined by a licensed physician, is severely disabled, has a developmental disability, or otherwise has a medical condition that places the person at serious medical risk.

The coverage applies regardless of whether the services are provided in a hospital, ambulatory surgery center, or a dental office. A health carrier may require prior authorization in the same manner that prior authorization is required for other covered diseases or conditions.

Section 2. That § 58-18-45.1 be amended to read:

58-18-45.1. Any health benefit plan as defined by § 58-18-42 shall cover anesthesia and hospital or ambulatory surgery center charges for dental care provided to a covered person who:

- (1) Is a child under age five; or
- (2) If determined by a licensed physician, is severely disabled, has a developmental disability, or otherwise has a medical condition that places the person at serious medical risk.

The coverage applies regardless of whether the services are provided in a hospital, ambulatory surgery center, or a dental office. A health carrier may require prior authorization in the same manner that prior authorization is required for other covered diseases or conditions.

Section 3. That the code be amended by adding a NEW SECTION to read:

The provisions of this Act are effective the first plan year, policy year, or renewal date on or after

January 1, 2019.

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I certify that the attached Act originated in the

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Chief Clerk

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Speaker of the House

Attest:

Chief Clerk

President of the Senate

Attest:

Secretary of the Senate

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Received at this Executive Office this _____ day of _____ ,

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The attached Act is hereby approved this _____ day of _____ , A.D., 20____

Governor

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STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA,
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