



2026 South Dakota Legislature

Senate Bill 104

Introduced by: **Senator Pischke**

1 **An Act to require the reimbursement of therapy using equine movement through**
2 **the state medicaid program.**

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

4 **Section 1. That a NEW SECTION be added to chapter 28-6:**

5 The Department of Social Service shall, for a medical assistance recipient under
6 this chapter, reimburse therapy using equine movement provided by:

7 (1) A physical therapist licensed in accordance with chapter 36-10;

8 (2) An occupational therapist licensed in accordance with chapter 36-31; or

9 (3) A speech-language pathologist licensed in accordance with chapter 36-37.

10 For purposes of this section, "therapy using equine movement" means therapeutic
11 activities that leverage horse-human interactions to facilitate progression toward meeting
12 therapeutic goals.

13 **Section 2.** The Department of Social Services shall, on or before August 1, 2026, submit a
14 state plan amendment to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to effectuate the
15 coverage referenced in section 1 of this Act.