AN ACT

ENTITLED, An Act to provide for certain insurance coverage for the treatment of hearing impairments for persons under the age of nineteen.

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

Section 1. That chapter 58-17 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as follows:

Any qualified health plan issued on or after January 1, 2015, that offers coverage for professional audiology services shall include coverage for medically necessary physician services appropriate for the treatment of hearing impairment to a person under the age of nineteen. This shall include professional services rendered by an audiologist licensed pursuant to chapter 36-24.

The benefits provided shall be subject to the same dollar limits, deductibles, coinsurance and other limitations provided for other covered benefits in the policy.

Nothing in this section requires the payment by the health plan of hearing aids, devices, or equipment to correct hearing impairment or loss.

Section 2. That chapter 58-18 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as follows:

Any qualified health plan issued on or after January 1, 2015, that offers coverage for professional audiology services shall include coverage for medically necessary physician services appropriate for the treatment of hearing impairment to a person under the age of nineteen. This shall include professional services rendered by an audiologist licensed pursuant to chapter 36-24.

The benefits provided shall be subject to the same dollar limits, deductibles, coinsurance and other limitations provided for other covered benefits in the policy.

Nothing in this section requires the payment by the health plan of hearing aids, devices, or equipment to correct hearing impairment or loss.

Section 3. That chapter 58-18B be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as follows:

Any qualified health plan issued on or after January 1, 2015, that offers coverage for professional audiology services shall include coverage for medically necessary physician services appropriate for the treatment of hearing impairment to a person under the age of nineteen. This shall include professional services rendered by an audiologist licensed pursuant to chapter 36-24.

The benefits provided shall be subject to the same dollar limits, deductibles, coinsurance and other limitations provided for other covered benefits in the policy.

Nothing in this section requires the payment by the health plan of hearing aids, devices, or equipment to correct hearing impairment or loss.

Section 4. That chapter 58-41 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as follows:

Any qualified health plan issued on or after January 1, 2015, that offers coverage for professional audiology services shall include coverage for medically necessary physician services appropriate for the treatment of hearing impairment to a person under the age of nineteen. This shall include professional services rendered by an audiologist licensed pursuant to chapter 36-24.

The benefits provided shall be subject to the same dollar limits, deductibles, coinsurance and other limitations provided for other covered benefits in the policy.

Nothing in this section requires the payment by the health plan of hearing aids, devices, or equipment to correct hearing impairment or loss.

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I certify that the attached Act originated in the

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Secretary of the Senate

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President of the Senate

Attest:

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Secretary of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

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

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