

## AN ACT

ENTITLED, An Act to require certain health plans to cover certain dental care services.

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

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

58-17-1. No policy of health insurance may be delivered or issued for delivery to any person in this state unless it otherwise complies with this title, with §§ 58-17-1.1 to 58-17-11, inclusive, and with this Act.

Section 2. That chapter 58-17 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as follows:

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

- (1) Is a child under age five; or
- (2) Is severely disabled or otherwise suffers from a developmental disability as determined by a licensed physician which places such person at serious risk.

Such coverage applies regardless of whether the services are provided in a hospital or a dental office. A health carrier may require prior authorization of hospitalization for dental care procedures in the same manner that prior authorization is required for hospitalization for other covered diseases or conditions.

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

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

- (1) Is a child under age five; or
- (2) Is severely disabled or otherwise suffers from a developmental disability as determined by a licensed physician which places such person at serious risk.

Such coverage applies regardless of whether the services are provided in a hospital or a dental office. A health carrier may require prior authorization of hospitalization for dental care procedures in the same manner that prior authorization is required for hospitalization for other covered diseases or conditions.

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I certify that the attached Act  
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Secretary of the Senate  
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President of the Senate

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Secretary of the Senate

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The attached Act is hereby  
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